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Grafton Records
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Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to assemble at the Town's Meetinghouse in said town, on Monday the Seventh day of March next at twelve o'clock at noon, then and there to act on the following articles: c

1. To choose all necessary town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To grant money to defray town charges, and for the support of the poor for the current year.
3. To grant money for the support of Schools the present year.
4. To grant money for the repair of Highways, and Bridges the present year, and see what method the town will adopt to lay out the same.
5. To see if the town will restrain the running at large of neat cattle and horses the present year.
6. To bring in their votes for County Treasurer.
7. To bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds for said County.
8. To see if the Town will pay to the General School Committee for the current year, what will be a reasonable compensation to them for doing their duty according to Law.
9. To hear the Report of any Committees previously chosen by the Town that have not reported, and act thereon.
10. To see if the Town will, in future, require their Treasurer to give a Bond as the law directs.
11. To see if the town will authorize the Committee chosen to fence the New Burying ground, to level and lay the same out into suitable divisions.
12. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen, and act thereon.
13. To accept town Debts.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in said town, to stand over two sundays.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this nineteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Harry Wood
Joshua W. Leland
Joseph Bruce
Moses Roberts
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton February 23. 1831

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in said Town of Grafton

John Wheeler Jr. Constable.

A Copy. Attest. H. Wood. T. Cler.

At the annual meeting of the Town of Grafton held on Monday the fifth day of March A.D. 1831. The following proceedings were had viz.
By Ballot chose Cyrus Leland Moderator.
Art. 1. By ballot chose

Samuel Wood
Cyrus Leland
Joseph Bruce
Moses Roberts
Moses H. Adams
} Selectmen, who were sworn April 4. 1831. faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties of their Office respecting all elections and the returns thereof.

" " " Harry Wood Town Clerk
" " " Jonathan Wheeler Town Treasurer

" " " Cyrus Leland
Harry Wood
Isaac W. Wood
} Assessors.

" " " John Wheeler Jr. who was sworn according to Law April 30. 1831.
David Jourdan, who was alike sworn April 2. 1831
} Constables.

The town then took up the 8th article and voted to allow the General School Committee fifty cents each per day for their services, & that said Committee be required to return to the Selectmen, from time to time, the names of the persons approbated by them, and, at the close of the year, to report to the Town the State of the Schools, and Moses C. Searle
William Thornton 2d
Otis Converse
} were chosen such Committee. by ballot.

Adjourned to Monday the 21st day of March current at one o'clock P.M.
Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

March 21. 1831. The Town having met, pursuant to adjournment, the following further proceedings were had viz.
Voted to defer the choice of Collector of Taxes for the present.
The following Town Officers were then chosen, to wit.

Thomas Wheelock (sworn March 28. 1831)
Moses Rockwood Jr. (sworn March 24. 1831)
} Fence viewers.

Isaac W. Wood, sealer of Leather;
William T. Lesure, Surveyor of Lumber.

Jonathan D. Wheeler
Chandler M. Pratt
Peter Harnum Jr.
Levi N. Leland (sworn June 25. 1831).
} Measurers of Wood.

Emory Harrington
Sumner Dunsmoor
} Field Drivers

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Jonathan Warren
David White
Oliz Adams
John Marble
Silas Forbush Jr.
Levi Rawson
Samuel Green
Benjamin Kingsbury
Chandler M. Pratt
} District School Committee

Sumner Dunsmoor Pound keeper.

Isaiah Fairbanks
Solomon Carroll
} Tythingmen

Cyrus N. French
Benjamin W. Fary
} Hogreeves.

Liberty Wood (sworn May 2d. 1831.)
Isaac Southwick (sworn March 24th 1831.)
Peter Farnum Jr.
John V. Leland (sworn March 25. 1831.)
Benjamin Goddard (sworn March 25 1831.)
Oliz Adams.
Elijah S. Case
Ezra K. Pratt
Solomon Carroll
Benj.a Kingsburry (sworn March 28. 1831.)
David White
Jonathan Brooks.
} Highway Surveyors and Collectors of highway Taxes.

By ballot chose Albert Stone Collector of Taxes for the current year, and it was voted to allow him 2 3/8. per cent for collecting, he giving Bond to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Art. 2. Voted to grant the sum of Twelve hundred Dollars to defray town charges and for the support of the poor the present year.

Art 3d. Voted to grant the sum of Four hundred and fifty dollars for winter, and Two hundred Dollars for summer schools.

Art. 4. Voted to grant the sum of One thousand Dollars for the repair of Highways and Bridges the current year, and to allow for men, oxen and tools, the same as last year.

Art 5. Voted to restrain the running at large of neat cattle and horses the present year.

Art. 9. Voted to accept the Report of the Committee chosen at a

previous meeting held on the 15th. day of November A. D. 1830. to determine & define the limits of the several School Districts in said Town, by a geographical division of the town. which report is in the words and figures following. to wit.

"Grafton March 18th 1831.

The Committee chosen by the Town of Grafton, to define the limits of the School Districts, in said town, have attended to that duty, and report as follows. —

The School Districts in the Town of Grafton are bounded as follows, beginning with the centre or School district No. 1. where the Central Manufacturing Co. take the water from Perley Goddard's Pond near to Perley Goddard's Mill, being a bound of School District No. 7. and runing in a direct line southerly to the crofs in the Millbury & cold spring-brook roads, a little Southwesterly of the Rev. Otis Converse's house, thence Southeasterly by Leland, or No. 2, School district to the end of a wall on the east side of the road leading from the centre of Grafton to Peter Farnum's, being the division wall between Joseph Bruce and land of the late Joseph Whipple deceased, and one of the bounds of the Farnum School district, or No. 6. district — thence easterly on said division wall by said No. 6. School district, to a Brook, a bound of No. 6. school district, and the Read or No. 5 School District — thence northeasterly to the County road leading from Grafton to Upton between Joseph Bruce's and the late John Warren's land by School district No. 5. thence northeasterly in a direct line to a point thirty rods due north of Samuel Prentice's house, these two last lines by the Read or No. 5. school district and is a bound of the Merriam or No. 8. school district, thence northerly in a direct line by the school district No. 8. to the northeast corner of Charles Aldrich's Barn, a bound of School district No. 8. and a corner of the Farm School district or school district No. 4. thence Westerly in a direct line by school district No 4. to a ledge of Rocks north of said Aldrich's dwelling house in the road — the top of said Rock has recently been blown off. thence westerly in a direct line by said district No. 4 to the Bridge over the Brook in the road a little north of the dwelling house of the late Abner Temple deceased, thence down the thread of said Brook to the line of John Wheeler's land, and is the dividing line between the said Wheeler & said Temple deceased, and is also a bound of the New. Eng. Village or No. 9. School district — thence Southwesterly in a direct line by the school district No. 9. to a large Rock on the land of Jonathan Wheeler Esqr. at the eastern edge of Perley Goddard's Mill Pond. by what was once called the ford way westerly from Joseph Dispeau's dwelling house, being a bound of No. 9. and the Brigham Hill, or No. 7. school districts, thence turning and runing Southerly by said district No. 7. in a direct line over a part of said Pond to the bound first mentioned.

The Leland or No. 2. School district is bounded as follows, Beginning at the corners of land of Joseph Bruce and the late Joseph Whipple deceased, on the easterly side of the County road leading from the Centre of Grafton to Northbridge through the Farnum Village, and running by School district No. 1. in a direct line northwesterly to the crofs of the Millbury and cold Spring Brook roads a little southwesterly of the Rev. Otis Converse' dwelling house, thence by the School district No. 7. in a direct line Westerly to a point on the line between the Towns of Millbury and Grafton, thirty rods north of the road leading from Grafton to Millbury by Chs. Daniels' house, thence southerly on the said Town line and the line between Sutton and Grafton, crofsing the Blackstone River and Canal, to the southwest corner of Grafton, thence easterly on said Sutton line

to the Blackstone River – thence on the threads of said River, and the little river by the Farnum or No. 6. school district northerly to the line between Joel Sibley and Samuel Leland's lands at the corner of the district No. 6. thence easterly to the bound first mentioned.

The George Hill No 3. School district is bounded as follows. Beginning on the towns line between Grafton and Upton where the old County road leading from Upton to Sutton crosses the line, thence northwesterly by the Farnum or No. 6. School District in a direct line to a point thirty rods southeast of the house where Ebenezer Burril now lives – thence by school district No. 5. or the Read district, in a direct line to the northeast corner of Royal Keith's lands near Joseph Knox's dwelling house, thence by said district northerly to a Spring on the easterly side of the road leading from Joseph Prentice's to Jeremiah Flagg's on the line between Joseph Prentice and Jeremiah Flagg's lands – thence southeasterly by the school district No. 8. to an old Mill Dam between Shaddeus Read's and Moses Rockwood's land, thence by said district in a direct line, Northeasterly, to the forks of the roads leading from the late Jonathan Stow's dwelling house to Jeremiah Flagg's and to Upton line thence due east by said district to Upton line, thence on said town line southerly to the first mentioned bounds.

The Farm or No. 4. School district is bounded as follows. Beginning at the centre of the road leading from Grafton to Westborough near Rufel Fay's, thence Southwesterly by the Meriam or No. 8. school district in a direct line to the northeast corner of Charles Aldrich's Barn, thence by the school district No. 1. in a direct line northerly to a ledge of rocks in the road a few rods north of Charles Aldrich's house a part of which has recently been blown off. thence by said district No 1. westerly in a direct line to a bridge over the Brook in the road north of the late Abner Temple's dwelling house, thence by said district on the thread of said Brook to the division line of land between the said Abner Temple & John Wheeler, thence by the school district No 9. northerly in a direct line, to the forks of the road between Elijah Brooks' and Moses Adams' – thence by said district northeasterly in a direct line, to the town road, east of Daniel Cutler's dwelling house, thence on said road by said district to Shrewsbury line, thence by Shrewsbury & Westborough town lines to the bound first mentioned.

The Read or No. 5. school district is bounded as follows. Beginning, thirty rods due north of Samuel Prentice's dwelling house, thence by school district No. 1. in a direct line southwesterly to the Southerly side of the County road leading from Grafton to Upton, to a point between Joseph Bruce's and the late John Warren's land on said road, thence by said district Southwesterly to where the Brook crosses the line between land of Joseph Bruce and the late Joseph Whipple, thence by School district No. 6. Southeasterly, in a direct line to an old Cellar formerly occupied by Isaac Newman, thence southerly on said School district No. 6. to a point thirty rods southeast of the house where Ebenezer Burril now lives – thence by the school district No. 3. in a direct line, to the northeast corner of Royal Keith's land near Joseph Knox's house, thence northerly to a Spring at the northwest corner of the School district No. 3. – thence by school district No. 8. in a direct line, to the bound first mentioned

The school district No. 6. or the Farnum's, is bounded as follows, Beginning at the corners of land of Joseph Bruce and the late Joseph Whipple on the east side of the road leading from Grafton to Northbridge and running by the school district No. 1. in a direct line easterly to where the Bruce Brook crosses the line between Joseph Bruce's and the late Joseph Whipple's lands, thence Southerly by the school district No. 5. to an old cellar formerly occupied by Isaac Newman, thence by said district No. 5. southerly in a direct line to a point thirty rods southeast of the house where Ebenezer Burrill now lives, thence, by school district No. 3. Southerly in a direct line to Upton line, thence Southerly & westerly on Upton and Northbridge town lines to the Blackstone River, thence northerly on the Blackstone and little rivers by school district No. 2. to the line between Samuel Leland's and Joel Sibley's lands, thence northeasterly in a direct line to the first mentioned bounds.

The Brigham Hill or No. 7. School district is bounded as follows Beginning at a large rock on Jonathan Wheeler's lands at the edge of Perley Goddard's Mill Pond, a bound of district No. 1. and running in a direct line by School district No. 9. Northwesterly, to a Stone Bridge a few rods southwesterly of the late Col. Jonathan Wheeler's dwelling house thence Northwesterly by district No. 9. to a heap of Stones in a wall on the east side of the road leading from Joshua Harrington's to the New Eng. Village, so called, and was the Southeast corner bound of Moses Adams pasture, and also the ancient bounds of the Flint Farm so called, known as the great white oak tree, thence by district No. 9. due west, to Millbury town line, thence Southerly on said town line, to a point thirty rods northerly of the road leading from Grafton to Millbury, being northwest corner of School district No. 2. thence easterly by district No. 2. in a direct line to the cross of the cold Spring Brook and Millbury roads, a little southwest of the Rev. Otis Conver's dwelling house, thence Northerly by School district No. 1. in a direct line to where the Central Manufacturing Co. take the water from Perley Goddard's Mill pond near the said Goddard's Mill, thence, by said district No. 1. in a direct line to the bounds first mentioned.

The School district No. 8. or the Meriam distrit is bounded as follows, Beginning where the County road from Grafton to Westborough crosses the town line between Antipas Fay's and Rufsel Fay's, thence by the Farm or school district No. 4. to the northeast corner of Charles Aldrich's Barn, thence, in a direct line, by School district No. 1. to a point thirty rods due north of Samuel Prentice's dwelling house, thence by school district No. 5. Southerly to a Spring at the northeast corner of the said school district No. 5. and the northwest corner of the School district No. 3. thence by School district No. 3. to Upton town line, thence northerly on the Upton and Westborough town lines to the first mentioned bound.

The New Eng. Village or No. 9. School district is bounded as follows— Beginning at a large rock on Jonathan Wheeler's lands at the edge of Perley Goddard's Mill Pond, a bound of district No. 1. and No. 7. and running Northwesterly by School district No. 7. in a direct line to a Stone Bridge a few rods Southwesterly of the late Col. Jonathan Wheeler's dwelling house, thence Northwesterly to a heap of Stones in a wall on the

east side of the road leading from Joshua Harrington's to the New Eng. Village and was the Southeast corner bound of Moses Adam's pasture, as, also the ancient bound of the Flint Farm, so called, thence by district No. 7. due west to Millbury town line, thence northerly by Millbury town line, the Gore, and eastern edge of Flint's Pond, so called, to the Shrewsbury town line, thence easterly by the Shrewsbury town line, by several angles, to the town road leading from Daniel Cutler's to Shrewsbury, and to the corner of the school district No. 4 — thence by said town road and district No. 4. thence Southwesterly in a direct line by district No. 4. to the fork of the road between Elijah Brooks and Moses Adams. Southerly to the County road by Daniel Cutler's, thence southwesterly, in a direct line to where the division line between John Wheeler and the late Abner Temple crosses a Brook and a bound of No. 1. School district, thence in a Southerly direction by school district No. 1. to the first-mentioned bound.

Charles Brigham Jr.
Moses Roberts
Cyrus Leland
Eph'm Goulding
Joshua W. Leland
Luke Leland
Thaddeus Read
Otis Adams
Samuel Woods

} Committee chosen to define the limits of the several School districts in Grafton.

Art. 10th Voted to require the Town Treasurer in future, to give Bond as the Law directs

Art 11th Voted, that the said Committee chosen to fence the new Burying Grounds, be also authorized to level and lay the same out into suitable divisions — and that the Selectmen draw on the Treasurer for the expence of the lands and fencing.

Art 12th Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen.

Art. 13. Voted to accept the following accounts.

Moses Adams' for going on Town line	$0.. 75
Otis Adams' for repairing highways & Bridges	4.. 35
Cyrus Leland's for making taxes	14.. 50
Austin Holbrook's for Do	6.. 00
Benj.a Lathe Jr. for boarding Boor.	6.. 50.

Adjourned to Monday the fourth day of April next at 4. o'clock P. M.

Attest H. Wood T. Clerk.

April 4th 1831. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from 21st of March last the following proceedings were had viz.

Voted to accept the following accounts viz

H. Wood's for perambulating town lines &c	$3.00
Moses Roberts' for Do	3.00
Samuel Wood's for Do	3.00
Joseph Bruce's	2.50
Luke Leland's for making taxes.	6.00
John Wheeler Jr's for collecting taxes for the year 1829	75.00
Jon.a Wheeler's for keeping Treasury services &c	13.87

Adjourned to May 11th next at 4. o'clock P. M.

Attest. Harry Wood T. Clr.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections held on the fourth day of April, being the first monday in said month A. D. 1831. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor & Lieut. Governor, and Counsellors and Senators, the whole number of votes given in for Governor and Lieut Governor were Sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed, and were for the following persons.

For Governor
- Levi Lincoln, Seventy eight votes
- Marcus Morton, Sixty nine votes
- Otis Adams one vote

For Lieut Gov.
- Thomas L. Winthrop Eighty one votes
- Nathan Willis Sixty nine votes
- Tarrant Meriam one vote

The whole number of votes given in for counsellors and Senators were also sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made and were for the following persons.

For John W. Lincoln	Forty six votes
David Wilder	Fifty votes
William S. Hastings	Fifty votes
Rufus Bullock	Seventy eight votes
James Draper	Fifty votes
Daniel Thurber	Sixty nine votes
Jonas L. Sibley	Sixty two votes
Isaac Davis	Sixty four votes
Henry Prentice	Sixty eight votes
Josiah Howe	Sixty eight votes
Stephen P. Gardner	Thirty two votes
Joseph Davis	Thirty five votes
Adolphus Spring	Thirty votes
Tyler Batcheller	Twenty eight votes
Pliny Merrick	one vote
Rejoice Newton	one vote
Phinehas Davis	one vote

Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk.

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Report of the Selectmen for the expences of the Town of Grafton for the year ending on the first monday of March 1831. including certain expences of the preceeding year not drawn for before

Paid for abatement of Taxes	$3..62
" " Assessors wages for 1829	30..00
" " Building & repairing Bridges	190..61
" " Making & repairing roads exclusive of highway tax	819..46
Support of Schools	610..00
Support of Poor	465..00
Support of State Paupers	131..49
Perambulating town lines	1..50
Powder for Militia	3..17
Paid for making cartridges	1..17
" " Guide Boards	6..67
" " For Keeping Treasury	6..50
Expences of Defending against indictment	24..29
" for articles furnished Ebenezer Leland	51..73
The Selectmen further Report	$2345..41

That they have settled with the Treasurer and his account stands as follows.

Dr. To balance on hand last year exclusive of school notes		$1226..15
To amount received of Commonwealth for State Paupers		98..80
To cash borrowed of Daniel Waldo on interest		500..00
To amount paid for the old Pound wall		12..00
To amount of Taxes committed to collector for the year 1830		2125..68
To one years interest on the school notes, cast up to March 17. 1831		60..00
compound interest on Same		14
To cash rec'd of Town of Roxbury		10..00
To outstanding orders		41..20
		$4073..97
Cr. By am't of orders paid the Selectmen	$2345..41	
" p'd borrowed money to Royal Keith	108..57	
By paid outstanding orders	242..93	2,696..91
Balance in the Treasury		$1,377..06
Town orders outstanding		41..20
Net Balance in favour of the Town		$1335..86
School notes, interest cast up to March 17th 1831		1000..00
Whole am't in Treasury including the School notes a part of which is in Real Estate		$2,335..86

All which is submitted.

Samuel Wood
Harry Wood
Joshua W. Leland
Joseph Bruce
Moses Roberts
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Copy. Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk

The inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote for Representatives having been duly convened in town meeting on the eleventh day of May A.D. 1831. for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be convened and holden at Boston on the last Wednesday of the same month, did then and there elect Harry Wood, being an inhabitant of said town and qualified as the constitution requires.

Attest. H. Wood Town Clerk

May 11. 1831. The town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 4th day of April last, the following additional proceedings were had. viz.

Jonathan Whipple was chosen highway Surveyor and collector of highway taxes in the room of Peter Farnum Jr. excused.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to cause the new road Joshua W. Lelands to Sutton line to be made, That they had caused the same to be done, and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest. H. Wood. T. Clerk

Worcester ss. 4th of August 1831. Personally appeared Isaac W. Wood and Harry Wood Two of the Assessors for the town of Grafton for the year of our Lord A.D. 1831. and were sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of their duty as Assessors without prejudice or favour, according to their best skill and judgment and the laws of this Commonwealth

Before me Jon.a Wheeler, Justice of the Peace

A true Copy. Attest. H. Wood Town Clerk.

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To John Wheeler Jr. Constable for the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections to meet at the old meetinghouse on Monday the fourteenth day of November next at one o'clock in the afternoon being the second Monday in said month.

1st To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for councillors & Senators on one ballot for the district of Worcester County for the year ensuing

2d To determine the number of Representatives said town will choose for the present year.

3d To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in said town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Samuel Wood
Joseph Bruce
Moses Roberts
Moses H. Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the within Warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at each public Meetinghouse in Grafton.

October 22 - 1831. John Wheeler Jr. Constable

A Copy. Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Grafton held on the fourteenth day of November, being the second monday in said month. A. D. 1831. for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, counsellors & Senators and for Representatives to the General Court, the whole number of votes given in for Governor and Lieutenant Governor were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is required, and were for the following persons

For Governor
- Levi Lincoln, Eighty six votes
- Marcus Morton, Sixty eight votes
- Samuel Lathrop Eighteen votes

For Lieut. Gov.
- Thomas L. Winthrop, One hundred and four votes.
- John Mills Sixty eight votes

The whole number of votes given in for Counsellors and Senators were also sorted, counted recorded and declaration thereof made, and were for the following persons.

For John W. Lincoln	Eighty one votes
David Wilder	Eighty two votes
William S. Hastings	Eighty two votes
Rufus Bullock	One hundred and four votes
James Draper	Eighty two votes
Daniel Thurber	Sixty seven votes
Jonas L. Sibley	Sixty four votes
Isaac Davis	Fifty four votes
Henry Prentiss	Sixty eight votes
Josiah Howe	Sixty seven votes
Stephen P. Gardner	Twenty two votes
Pliny Merrick	Thirty three votes
Tyler Batcheller	Twenty one votes
Asaph Rice	Twenty one votes.

The town likewise voted to elect two Representatives the present year to the General Court to be holden as aforesaid. and Harry Wood and Samuel Wood were chosen.

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

To John Wheeler Jr. Constable of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in election and in town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting house in said Grafton on Monday the fourteenth day of November next at three o' clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d. To see if the town will raise money to repair the roads leading from the house of the late Jonathan Stoc towards Timothy Meriams and towards Jeremiah Flaggs and also the new road to Upton line.

3d. To see if the Town will procure engine or engines.

4th. To see if the Town will accept the revision of the Jury Box.

5th. To accept town debts.

and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands and seals this seventeenth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Samuel Wood
Joseph Bruce
Moses Roberts
Moses H. Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton.

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I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested Copy of the same at each public meetinghouse in Grafton October 22 - 1831.

John Wheeler Jr. Constable.

A Copy. Attest. Harry Wood T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the old meetinghouse, on Monday the fourteenth day of November A. D. 1831. the following proceedings were had viz.

By Ballot chose Harry Wood moderator.

Art. 2d. voted that the Selectmen view the several roads mentioned in this article, and make such repairs thereof as they may deem necessary.

Art. 3d. voted to pass over this article.

Art. 4th. voted to accept the following list of names, as prepared by the Selectmen, to be placed in the Jury Box. to wit.

Moses H. Adams	Joseph Batcheldor	Joshua W. Leland
Joseph Adams	Joel Forbush	Oliver M. Brigham
Pardon Aldrich	Samuel Wood	Leonard Wheelock
Charles Brigham	Isaac W. Wood	Philip Wing
Joseph Bruce	Moses Roberts	Charles Brigham Jr
John Batcheller	John Wetson	Silas Warren
Perley Goddard	Liberty Wood	Jon.a Warren
Ephraim Goulding	Isaac Southwick	Benj.a Heywood
Joshua Harrington	Austin Holbrook	Charles Prentice
Elijah Kimball	Peter Farnum Jr	Albert Stone
Royal Keith	Jon.a Whipple	Samuel Harrington
Luke Leland	Silas Forbush Jr	Jonathan D. Wheeler
Timothy Merriam	Otis Adams	Solomon Prentice
John Putnam	Joel Drake	Franklin Harrington
Joseph Prentice	Charles Aldrich	Samuel P. Leland.
Thaddeus Read.	Joseph Cloyes	

Art. 5th. Voted to accept the following accounts. to wit.

Jonathan Whipples for fix in Bridge	$29.52
Solomon Carrols for joist.	11.60
Joshua W. Lelands	3.25

And the meeting was dissolved.

Attest Harry Wood T. Clerk.

We the Subscribers, John Batcheller and Nathan Hancock both of Grafton have this day divided the fence between the lands owned and occupied by us respectively, & which adjoining - and agree that the said Batcheller his heirs and asigns shall builds and maintain forever the northeasterly half thereof and the said Hancock his heirs and asigns the Southwesterly half.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this third day of April A. D. 1831.

John Batcheller

Attest. Joshua Harrington.

Nathan Hancock

A Copy. Attest. Harry Wood T. Clerk.

We the Subscribers having been appointed a Committee by the Selectmen of the towns of Grafton and Shrewsbury, to view and accept of the Monuments (if we see fit) erected by order of our respective Selectmen, during the year past at the several angles on the line between our said towns, have this day attended to that service, and report, that said Monuments have been erected accordding to the Survey of our said towns, taken in the year 1830, and that they are agreeable to a late law of this Commonwealth requiring towns to erect Stone Monuments &c. and we have numbered said Monuments from one to twenty Seven inclusive, commencing at the corner of Westborough and our respective towns, and ending at the monument in Isaac Harrington's land and near the River - the remaining angles between our said towns being covered with water, no monuments have been put up. Given under our hands this 25th day of Oct. 1831

Thomas Harrington, Henry Snow } Committee of the Town of Shrewsbury

Samuel Wood, Moses H. Adams } Committee of the town of Grafton.

A Copy. Attest. H. Wood Town Clerk.

Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth for perambulating and Surveying lines between towns, We, the Subscribers have renewed the bounds and erected Stone monuments on the dividing line between the towns of Westborough and Grafton, as follows, viz. Beginning at Upton corner thence N 1¼° W 463 rods to an angle, thence S. 86° W 352 rods to a corner thence N 51¼ W 32 rods & 20 links to angles, thence N. 15¼ E. 20-8 links to angle, thence N. 8¼ W. 18 rods to angle, thence N 28¼ W 37-20 links to angle, thence N. 21¼ E 70 rods to angles, thence N. 45. W. 31. rods to Shrewsbury corner. The above mentioned monuments are marked on the Westborough side with the letter W. and on the G.

October 3d. 1831.

Phinehas Gleason, Nahum Fisher } Selectmen of Westborough

Joseph Bruce, Moses H. Adams } Selectmen of Grafton.

A Copy Attest. H. Wood Town Clerk

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Worcester ss. To David Jordan Constable of the Town of Grafton Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Congregational Meeting-house in said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of March next at twelve o'clock at noon, then and there to act on the following articles.

1st. To choose all necessary town Officers for the year ensuing.
2d. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
3d. To raise money to defray town charges.
4th. To raise money for the support of Schools.
5th. To raise money for the repair of highways town ways, and bridges.
6th. To see what measures the town will take to repair the new road leading from Titus V. Taft's to Upton line.
7th. To see if the town will restrain horses, neat cattle, and swine from running at large within the limits of the town the year ensuing.
8th. To see if the town will give any further directions concerning the new Burying ground or act thereon as they shall think proper.
9th. To hear the report of the school Committee and act thereon.
10th. To see if the town will cause the Common to be surveyed and monuments put up at each corner or act thereon as they shall think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in said town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Samuel Wood
Joseph Bruce
Moses Roberts
Moses H. Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. March 5th 1832. I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble at the place within mentioned at the time within Specified by giving the notice as within directed, having served this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in said Grafton fourteen days before the time of the meeting

David Jourdan } Constable of Grafton

A Copy Attest. H. Woods T. Clerk

At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs held on Monday the fifth day of March A.D. 1832. pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Joshua Harrington, Moderator.

" " " Samuel Wood
Joseph Bruce
Moses H. Adams
Luke Leland
Peter Farnum Jr. } Selectmen

" " " Harry Wood, Town Clerk

" " " Jonathan Wheeler Town Treasurer.

" " " Isaac W. Wood
Chandler M. Pratt
Charles Goddard } Assessors, who appeared and were were duly sworn May 28th 1832.

" " " David Jourdan
George W. Jones } Constables.

" " " Otis Converse
Austin Holbrook
Charles Brigham Jr } General School Committee.

Adjourned to monday the nineteenth day of March current at one o'clock P. M.

Attest. Harry Wood T. Clerk.

Grafton 8th March 1832 I hereby certify that George W. Jones one of the Constables elected for said Grafton the present year personally appeared before me and was sworn by administering to him the oath required by law

Jon[a] Wheeler { Justice of the Peace

A Copy. Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk.

Monday March 19th 1832. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the fifth day of March current - the following further proceedings were had viz.

By Ballot chose Joseph Bruce Clerk pro. tem.

Voted to choose the remainder of the Town Officers by hand vote.

By vote chose Joseph Kimball, Henry P. Warren } Fence viewers

" " " Moses Roberts Sealer of Leather

" " " William T. Lesure - Surveyor of Lumbers.

" " " Chandler M. Pratt, Noah Kimball, Timothy H. Meriam, John Wheeler Jr., Levi N. Leland } Measurers of Wood.

" " " Noah Kimball for District No. 1.
Charles Daniels " " No. 2.
Lawson Munyan " " No. 3.
Rufsill Wheelock " " " 4.
Nathan Hancock " " " 5.
Roberts Prentice " " " 6.
William B. Harrington " " " 7.
Timothy H. Meriam " " " 8.
Gardner Wheelock " " " 9
} District School Committee.

" " " Emory Harrington, Lyman Mason } Field Drivers.

" " " Emory Singletary - Pound Keeper.

" " " Thomas Wheelock, Henry P. Warren } Tythingmen.

" " " Lyman Mason, Henry P. Warren } Hogreeves.

" " " Joel Drake
Lewis Holbrook
Luke Leland
Joseph Kimball
Charles Aldrich
Timothy H. Meriam - sworn May 29. 1832 H. Wood J. Clerk
Moses Rockwood Jr.
Moses Cutler.
Leonard Wheelock
William B. Harrington
Jonathan M. Warren - sworn May 28. 1832 H. Wood J. Clerk
John P. Hayden - sworn March 29. 1832 H. Wood J. Clerk
} Highway Surveyors and Collectors of Highway taxes.

Voted to pass over the 2d. article for the present

Art. 3d. Voted to grant the sum of Twelve hundred Dollars to defray Town charges the current year.

Art. 4th Voted to grant the sum of Five hundred Dollars for winter and Two hundred and fifty Dollars for summer Schools.

Art. 5th Voted to grant the sum of One thousand dollars for the repair of Highways the current year, and to allow for men, Oxen, and tools the same as last year.

Art. 6th Voted to choose a Committee to repair the road leading from Titus V. Tafts to Upton line, and Joshua Harrington, Pardon Aldrich and Charles Brigham were chosen.

Art. 7th Voted to restrain the running at large of neat Cattle and Horses the current year.

Art. 8th Voted to choose a Committee to lay out the west half of the new burying ground into lots and.

Charles Brigham Jr.
Otis Adams 2d
Albert Stone
} were chosen such Committee

Voted to set up at auction the collection of the taxes the present year and it was struck off to Franklin Harrington at 2½ per cents. and the meeting was adjourned untill the second day of April next at one O'clock P. M.

Attest. Joseph Brad T. Clerk pro. tem.

April 2d. 1832. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 19th of March last. the following further proceedings were had viz

Voted to Choose a Collector of Taxes for the current year and to allow him for collecting the per. cent. agreed upon at the last meeting to wit. 2½ per cent. on condition that he give Bond to the satisfaction of the Selectmen, and Franklin ~~Harrington~~ was chosen.

Art. 2d. Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen, which is in the words and figures following.

Report of the Selectmen for the expences of the Town of Grafton for the year ending on the first monday of March 1832. including certain expences of the preceeding year not drawn for before.

Paid for abatement of taxes for 1830		$42.51
" " Assessors wages for	1830	26.50
Land for new burying ground	— " —	147.91
Fencing new burying Ground		111.00

Mowing brush on old burying ground	4.00
Making and repairing roads exclusive highway Tax	368.45
Repairing Bridge	15.60
Support of Schools	708.74
Support of Towns Poor	656.29
Support of State Paupers	119.30
Perambulating Townlines and stone monuments between Shrewsbury and Grafton and Westborough and Grafton	40.50
Powder for Militia	1.67
Paid for making cartridges	1.29
" " Guide Boards	2.19
For keeping Treasurer and interest on money advanced	13.87
John Wheeler Jr. for collecting Taxes for 1829. — " —	75.00
Do for trouble in examining records in the Town of Royalstown — " —	1.00
" Charles Brigham for Surveying the Town and making a plan agreeable to a resolve of the General Court	50.00
	$2385.82

The Selectmen further report, That they have settled with the Treasurer and his account stands as follows

Dr To balance on hand last year exclusive of school notes	1377.06
" Cash received State Treasurer — " — " —	76.03
" Cash received of County Treasurer	100.00
" Cash " of Guardian of Peter Martin	17.24
" Amount of Taxes committed to Collector for the year 1831 —	1953.25
" By one years interest on the school notes cast up to the 17th of March 1832 — " —	58.45
To outstanding orders — " — " —	29.52
	$3611.55

Cr By amt of orders paid the Selectmen	2385.52	
" " paid Daniel Waldo — " —	530.00	
" " " Outstanding orders	111.20 —	2957.02
		654.53.
Town order outstanding		29.52
Nett balance in favour of the Town		$625.01
School notes interest cast up to March 17. 1832		1000.00
whole amount in Treasurer including the School notes —		$1625.01

all which is submitted.

Samuel Wood
Joseph Bruce
Moses Roberts
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Art. 9. Voted to accept the report of the General School Committee.

Art 10th Royal Keith, Joshua Harrington, Ephraim Goulding Charles Brigham Jr. and Joshua W. Leland were chosen a Committee to cause the Common to be surveyed and monuments put up at each corner thereof.

Voted to excuse Timothy H. Meriam from serving as District School Committee man for School district No. 8. and Joseph Adams was chosen in his stead.

Voted to excuse Charles Aldrich from serving as highway Surveyor and Collector of highway taxes and Solomon D. Goulding was chosen in his stead

Excused Moses Cutler from serving as highway Surveyor and Collector of highway taxes, and Elijah Brooks was chosen in his stead.

Excused Moses Rockwood Jr. from serving as highway Surveyor and Collector of highway taxes, and Jonathan W. Stow was chosen in his stead.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee chosen to lay out the new burying ground into lots, which report is in the words and figures following, to wit.

Grafton April 2d. 1832.

We the undersigned, who were chosen as a Committee to lay out the west half of the new burying yard, in Grafton, into lots; have attended to that duty, and report as follows — As the west half includes a little knoll of gravel at the northwesterly part, which we considered ought to be carried away, or leveled down; we did not lot it, at all, but drew a direct line from the southerly side of the westerly gateway to the southerly side of the easterly gateway, which line is eleven rods and 6½ tenths of a rod in length — from thence rum a line parallel with, and six rods from, the easterly side, to the southerly side of said yard, leaving a space for nine rows of graves, with a space of four feet between each of said rows — The land westerly of this parallel line we have laid out into 173 whole lots, and a few parts of lots, each whole lot is 11 feet, by 21. feet in length and breadth, and four feet of the said 11. feet to be used as a pass-way north and south between the rows of graves or lots, which, in number are, eight long and four short ones, in consequence of the southern line being longer than the Northern — the lots we have numbered from 1. to 173. beginning with No. 1. at the southwest corner of said yard. for further particulars reference is had to the plan of said yard in the hands of the Sexton for the town of Grafton

Charles Brigham Jr.
Otis Adams
Albert Stone.

A Copy. Attest H. Wood T. Clerk. and the meeting was adjourned to Monday April 16th current at 3. o'clock P. M.

Attest. H. Wood. T. Clerk.

April 16. 1832. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the second day of April instant, the articles in the Warrant calling said meeting having been all acted upon the meeting was dissolved.

Attest. H. Wood T. Cler.

Worcester ss.

To George W. Jones Constable of the town of Grafton. Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town meetinghouse on Monday the second day of April next at three o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To accept town debts.
3. To see if the Town will authorise their treasurer to borrow money.
4. To see if the town will vote to pay General School Committee for the ensuing year.
5. To see if the town will repair the Wheeler Bridge.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, ten days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Joseph Bruce
Moses H. Adams
Luke Leland
Peter Farnum Jr.
} Selectmen of Grafton

I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in said town ten days before the time of holding said meeting
Grafton April 2d. 1832. George W. Jones - Constable

A. Copy. Attest. H. Wood T. Cler.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, held on the second day of April A. D. 1832. the following proceedings were had. viz

Art. 1st. By ballot chose Joshua Harrington Moderator
Art. 2. Voted to accept and allow the following accounts, viz

Otis Converse's as one of School Committee	$ 16.00
Moses C. Searle's " " " " "	14.00
William Thornton's " " " "	12.42

Voted to pass over this article for the present.
Article 3d. voted to authorise the Town Treasurer to borrow money not exceeding Five hundred Dollars if in his opinion it shall be necessary.
Art 4th. voted to allow the general School Committee Ten dollars each for doing their duty according to Law.
Adjourned to Monday the 16th day of April current at 3 o'clock P. M.

Attest. H. Wood T. Cler.

April 16th 1832. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the second day of April instant the following further proceedings were had viz.

Voted to take up the second Article, and to allow the following accounts viz.

To Estate of Cyrus Leland dec.d for making taxes		$2.50
" Isaac W. Wood — " — for Do — " —		25.75
" Jon.a Wheeler for keeping Treasury 6.50 & interest on cash advanced by him 18.75		25.25
" John Phillips for work on roads — " — "		5.35
" H. Wood for taking valuation, copies, making taxes &c. & for p.r for Book No. 6. of Records		03.05
" Samuel Wood — " — " —		1.50

Art. 5th Joshua Harrington, Leonard Wheelock & Perley Goddard were chosen a Committee to examine the Bridge mentioned in this article & to repair it if necessary.

And the meeting was dispolved.

Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

Worcester ss.

To David Jordan Constable of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Hall of Loved Baker in said Grafton on Monday the twentieth day of August instant at three o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a moderator to preside at said Meeting.

2d To see what measures the town will take to cause a new road and the Bridges to be made lately laid out by the County Commissioners commencing near the dwellinghouse of Austin Holbrook's and ending near opposite Josiah Halls Dwellinghouse.

3d To see what measures the Town will take by providing some place to hold their Town meetings or act thereon as they shall think proper.

4th To accept Town debts.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in said town nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this tenth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Samuel Wood
Joseph Bruce
Moses H. Adams
Luke Leland
Peter Farnum
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. August 20. 1832 – I have served this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in Grafton nine days before the time mentioned for holding the meeting.

David Jourdan. Constable of Grafton.

A copy. Attest H. Wood Town Clerk

At a legale meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Hall of Lovel Baker in said town, on Monday the twentieth day of August A. D. 1832. the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Samuel Wood Moderator.

Art 3d. Jonathan Wheeler, Joshua Harrington, Perley Goddard, Joshua W. Leland, Royal Keith and Pardon Aldrich, were chosen a Committee to provide a place for the Town to hold town-meetings in.

Art. 2d. Joshua Harrington, Jonathan Whipple, Luke Leland, Austin Holbrook, and Moses H. Adams were chosen a Committee to cause the new Road & Bridges between Austin Holbrook's and Peter Farnum's to be made according to the directions of the County Commissioners.

Adjourned to the third Monday of October next at three o'clock P. M. then to meets at this place

Attest. H. Wood T. Cler.

October 15th 1832. being the 3d Monday of said month, the Town met pursuant to adjournment from the 20th August last and proceeded as follows. viz

Voted further to adjourn this meeting to Monday the fifth day of November next at 4 o'clock P. M. then to meet at the basement room under the Baptist Meetinghouse pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee chosen at a former meeting, who report verbally, that said Room can be had for that use, at the rate of Twelve dollars per annum, for any length of time untill the first day of April 1834.

Attest H. Wood T. Cler.

Monday Nov. 5th 1832. The town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 15th day of October last the following proceedings were had viz.

Voted to allow Dorithy Vickers' account for boarding Elizabeth Phillips $12..00
" " " Lincoln Fay's a/c for work on roads 2..98
" " " Moses Eams. a/c for Do 2..50

voted further to adjourn this meeting to the second tuesday of December next at 3 o'clock P. M.

Attest. H. Wood T. Cler.

Dec. 11th 1832. being the 2d tuesday of said month, the Town met and proceeded as follows viz. Voted to accept Jon. Wheeler's a/c for expences of Gates &c for burying ground $13..17
" " " Phillip Wings a/c for Work, materials &c about Graveyard & Bounds 16..84

And the meeting was dispolved.

Attest H. Wood T. Cler.

To David Jourdan Constable of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester (Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and to town affairs to meet at the basement room of the Baptist Meeting-house in said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of November next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, or choose a Committee, to borrow a sum of money.

3d. To hear report of any Committee, and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting houses in said town, ten days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Samuel Wood
Joseph Bruce
Moses H. Adams
Luke Leland } Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton Nov. 5. 1832.

I have served this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in Grafton as within directed

David Jourdan, Constable of Grafton

A Copy. Attest. H. Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the basement room under the Baptist Meeting-house on Monday the fifth day of November A.D. 1832. the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Samuel Wood Moderator

Art 2d. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow the sum of Eight hundred Dollars for one year, for the purpose of defraying the expences of making the new road & Bridges between Austin Holbrooks and Farnum-ville.

And the meeting was adjourned to tuesday the 11th day of December next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Attest H. Wood T. Clerk

Tuesday Dec. 11. 1832. The Town met pursuant to adjournment from the 5th day of November last, and there being nothing before said meeting to act upon, the meeting was dissolved

Attest H. Wood T. Clerk.

Worcester ss. To David Jourdan Constable of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the basement room of the Baptist Meetinghouse in Grafton, on Monday the twelfth day of November next at one o'clock in the afternoon, being the second Monday of said Month.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for Six Senators on one ballot, for the district of Worcester County for the year ensuing.

Also at the same time and place to give in their votes for Electors of Presidents and Vice Presidents of the United States, pursuant to an act directing the mode of choosing Electors pass.d March 24th. 1832.

Also at the same time and place 1st. To determine the number of Representatives said town will choose for the present year.

2d. To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in said town, ten days at least before the time for holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and thirty two.

Samuel Wood
Joseph Bruce
Moses H. Adams
Luke Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss Grafton Nov. 12. 1832.

I have served this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in Grafton as within directed

David Jourdan, Constable of Grafton.

A copy. Attest. Harry Wood T. Clerk

For the votes given in for Electors of Presidents & Vice Presidents, see the printed Record thereof on file.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in elections held on the twelfth day of November being the second Monday in said month. A.D. 1832. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor & Lieut. Governor, and Counsellors and Senators, the whole number of votes given in for Governor and Lieut. Governor, were sorted, counted recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution

is directed, and were for the following persons.

For Governor. { Levi Lincoln, One hundred & fifty votes
Marcus Morton, Seventy votes
Samuel Lathrop, Fifty nine votes

For Lieut. Governor { Samuel V. Armstrong, One hundred fifty one votes
John Mills, Seventy votes.
Timothy Fuller, Fifty nine votes.

The whole number of votes given in for Counsellors and Senators were also sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, and were for the following persons.

For David Wilder, one hundred & fifty two votes.
William S. Hastings, One hundred fifty two votes
Samuel Mixter, One hundred fifty two votes
Ira Barton, one hundred & fifty two votes
Charles Hudson, One hundred fifty one votes
Samuel Lee one hundred fifty two votes
Daniel Thurber. Seventy votes
Henry Prentiss. Seventy votes
Jonas L. Tibley. Seventy votes.
Isaac Davis Seventy votes
John Brown Seventy votes
Moses Wood Seventy votes
Stephen P. Gardner, Fifty nine
Austin Flint. Fifty nine votes
Abiel Jacques Fifty nine votes
Tyler Batchellar Fifty nine votes
Thomas Chamberlain Fifty nine votes
Theodore Jones — Fifty nine votes.

Voted to choose three Representatives to the General Courts for the ensuing political year, and the following persons were choses, viz. Samuel Woods, Joshua Harrington and Joshua W. Lelands.

Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk.

Worcester ss. To David Gourdan Constable of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Basement room of the Baptist Meetinghouse in said Grafton, on Tuesday the eleventh day of December next at two o'clock in the afternoon, there and there to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2d To see if the Town will take measures to procure three good fire engines, and a suitable quantity of hose for the use and benefit of said Town, one to be located at the middle of the Town, so called, and one to be located at the New England Village in said Town, and the other to be located at Farnums Village in said Town.

3d To see if the Town will raise by tax or otherwise a sufficient sum of money to purchase said engines and hose and to defray the necessary expences of procuring them, or act thereon as they shall think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in said Town ten days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Samuel Wood
Joseph Bruce
Luke Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Dec. 11. 1832

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the said inhabitants of the town of Grafton, to meet at the within time and place, by posting up attested copies of said Warrant at each of the public Meetinghouses in said Town ten days before the date hereof.

David Gourdan, Constable of Grafton

A Copy — Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk

At a legale meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton, held at the basements room of the Baptist meetinghouse in said town on Tuesday the eleventh day of December A. D. 1832. The following proceedings were had, viz.

By ballot chose Samuel Wood Moderator.

Art. 2d. Voted not to adopt this article.

Art. 3d. Voted to pass over this article, and the meeting was dissolved

Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk

Worcester ss. To David Gourdan Constable of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the basement room of the Baptist Meeting house in said town on Monday the thirty first day of December, at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles.

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To see if the Town will accept a road laid out by the Selectmen petitioned for by Samuel W. Putnam and others or act thereon.

3d. To see if the town will cause said road to be made in case it is accepted, or act thereon as they may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town nine days at least before the time for holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Samuel Woods
Joseph Bruce
Luke Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Decr. 22d. 1832.

I have served the within Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, as within directed

David Gourdan, Constable.

A Copy. Attest H. Woods T. Cler.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs, held at the basement room under the Baptist meeting house in said Town, on Monday the thirty first day of December A.D. 1832. the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Joseph Bruce moderator

Art 2d. voted to accept a town road laid out by the Selectmen on condition that some individuals or individuals will cause the Roads & Bridges to be made and completed by the first day of April A.D. 1834. to the acceptance of the Selectmen for the time being, and the Damages paid, for an expence to the said Town not exceeding Seventy Dollars, which said lay out is in the words and figures following, to wit.

"Laid out by the Selectmen a Town road, commencing on the easterly side of the County road leading from Millbury to Westborough near Jasper W. Putnam's at the end of a wall, and running S. 72 1/4 E. 53 rods & 3 tenths to a Stake and Stones near Samuel W. Putnam's, and

on the southerly line of a way given by Elijah Brooks, thence S. 73½° E. 32 7/10 rods to a stake & stones – 28½ rods of the last mentioned line over lands of Joseph Batchelder. thence S. 80° E. 16 7/10 rods to a stake & stones, thence N. 83½ E. 19 rods to a stake and stones – 33 rods of the last two lines is over land of Elijah Brooks & 2 3/10 rods over lands of the heirs of Joel Brooks deceased, thence N. 72¾° E. 4 7/20 rods to the road leading to the late Robartus Flagg's, thence same course 7¾ rods to a stake & stones on the Southerly side of the road leading by Moses Adams'. Whole distance 134 rods. Said roads to lay two rods in width northerly at right angles of the above described courses. Mr Elijah Brooks gives the land belonging to him over which said road passes, and relinquishes all claim for damages.

Samuel Wood, Joseph Bruce, Luke Leland } Selectmen of Grafton. ,,

and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk

Whereas the Selectmen of the town of Grafton have laid out a highway or town road from near New England Village School house in said town to the house of Widow Fanny Brooks which is a considerable part of the way over my land. which road has been accepted by said town and is partially for my use I being one of the petitioners therefor. I hereby quit and relinquish all claim to damages in consequence of said location and the making of said road. and release the said town and all from the payment of any damages whatever

Grafton January 8th 1833 Elijah Brooks

Attest Moses Adams

a true c/y Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk

Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton Greeting

In the name of the common wealth of Massachusetts.

You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs. to meet at the Basement room in the Baptist meeting house on Monday the 11th day of March next at twelve o'Clock at noon then and there to act on the following articles

1st To choose all necessary town officers for the year Ensuing.

2nd To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon

3rd To raise Money to defray town charges

4th To raise Money for the support of Schools

5th To raise money for the repair of highways. townways and bridges and see what Method the town will take to lay out the same

6th To see if the town will restrain horse, neat Cattle and Swine from running at large this year Ensuing

7th To see if the town will enlarge School District no 6 by annexing thereto from District no 2 so much of No 2 as lays Southerly

of a line drawn from the fork of the rivers to a walnut tree in or near the road leading from Austin Holbrooks to the Canal Factory and from said tree in the same direction to Sutton line

8th. To See if the town will make a new division of the School Money

9th. To See if the town will cause maps of the town of Grafton to be printed or act thereon.

10th To See if the town will in future require their Collectors of Taxes to furnish two or more bondsmen

11th To See if the town will make their Treasurer Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing, and determine what Compensation Shall be allowed him

12th To See if the town will purchase the basement Story under the Congregational meeting house for a Town house or act in relation to the Subject as they may think proper by request of the Committee Chosen to Sell and Convey the Same.

13th To accept town debts.

And you are directed to Serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the publick meeting houses in Said town to Stand over two Sundays Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three

Joseph Bruce } Selectmen
Moses H. Adams } of
Luke Leland } Grafton

Worcester ss February 23d. 1833

I have Served the above warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the publick Meeting houses in Grafton as above directed

David Jourdan Constable of Grafton

A true Copy Attest.

H. Wood T. Clk.

At the annual meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs held at the basement room of the Baptist meeting house on Monday the fourth day of march A.D. 1833 the following proceedings were had viz—

By ballot Chose Pardon Aldrich. Moderator

" — " " Samuel Wood
" " " Luke Leland
" " " Moses H Adams
" " " Thaddeus Mead
" " " Joshua Harrington
" " " Harry Wood Town Clerk

} Selectmen.

By ballot Chose Jonathan Whipple Town Treasurer

" " " Isaac W Wood
" " " Chandler M Pratt } assessors. sworn.
" " " Charles Brigham Jr

" " " Ezra K Pratt
" " " David Sourdan } Constables

" " " Otis Converse
" " " John Wilde } General School Committee
" " " Charles Brigham Jr

"Voted to choose the Remainder of the town officers by hand vote

	No
Henry W Harrington	1
Putnam H Hayward	2
Samuel P Leland	3
Samuel C Bennet	4
David Sourdan	5
Luther Wright	6
Albert Stone	7
Hollis Chamberlain	8
Chandler M Pratt	9

} School District Committee

Jonathan Warren } sworn June 10th. 1833
John Phillips
Jonathan Whipple
Russell Whytlock
Rodney Leland } sworn June 13. 1833
Charles Merriam } Highway Surveyors and collectors of
Moses Rockwood Jr } highway taxes —
Josiah Cutler } sworn June 17. 1833.
Tarrant Merriam
Elijah Stow
Royal A Keith
Joel Starbuck

William B Harrington } Fence viewers
Charles Goddard }

Silas Warren Sealer of Leather

Philip Wing Surveyor of Lumber

Ebenezar Aldrich
John Wheeler Jr } Measurers of Wood
Chandler M Pratt

John Wheeler Jr
Franklin Harrington } Field Drivers

Emory Singletary Pound Keeper

Thomas Whitcock
Henry P. Warren } Tything men

Matthias Felton
James T Trask
Gardner L Whitcock
Henry Whitcock
Silas Hemenway
Marvin Rood } Hogreeves

Voted to take up the ninth article
Art. 9. Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to procure Maps of the town of Grafton drawn by Charles Brigham Esq to be Printed not Exceeding 500 Copies
Adjourned to the first monday of April next at Two O'Clock P.M.

Attest H. Wood T. Clerk.

April 1st 1833 The Town met pursuant to adjournment from the 11th day of march last and proceded as follows -
By ballot Chose Joel Forbush - Select-man in the Stead of Joshua Harrington who declined Serving
— By Vote Chose Thomas Lewis Highway Surveyor in the Stead of John Phillips Excused
— By Vote Chose Joseph Bruce District School Committee man in the Stead of Henry W Harrington Excused
— By Vote Chose John Putnam District School Committee man in the Stead of Chandler M Pratt Excused

Art. 2nd. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen which is in the words and figures following to wit -

The Subscribers. Selectmen of the Town of Grafton beg leave to Submit the following report for the Expenses for the Year ending on the first monday of March 1833 including certain Expenses of the preceding year not drawn for before

Paid for a Pesons wages for 1832		$7.50
" " Stone posts & gates for burying ground		30.01
" " making and Repairing Roads & Bridges Exclusive of Highway Tax		637.35
" " Support of Schools		810.00
" " Support of Town Paupers		674.29
" " Support of State do		107.39
" " Power for Militia		16.30
" " making Catridges		4.99
" " making Guide posts		9.10

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Paid for keeping Treasurer and interest on money advanced.		25.25
" " Services of General School Committee.		42.42
" " General Expenses		5.50
" " Ebenezar Leland Support		20.00
		2469.90

The Select men further report that they have settled with the Treasurer and his account stands as follows

Dr To	balance on hand last year Exclusive of School notes.		625.01
"	Cash received of State Treasurer		63.36
"	" " for compound interest on S. Warrens note.		.10
"	" " for grass on new burying ground		5.00
"	" " for license of Circus		4.97
By	Cash borrowed of Jon.a Whipple		600.00
"	amount of School Tax on School district No 4.		179.15
"	" of Taxes Committed to Collector for 1832		2038.90
"	One years interest on School notes cast up to the 17th of March 1833.		60.00
To	Outstanding Orders		304.15
			3880.64
Cr By	orders paid the Selectmen.	3165.75	
"	paying Committees School order for district No. 4	179.15	
"	Cash paid Soldiers of the Grafton Light Infantry	17.50	
"	Cash paid Soldiers of the Grafton Grenadiers	8.40	
"	Cash paying outstanding order	29.52	2400.32
			1480.32
	Deduct orders outstanding		304.15
	Nett balance in favour of the Town		1176.17
	School notes interest cast up to the 17th of March 1833		1000.00
	Whole amount in Treasurer including School notes		2176.17

Samuel Wood
Joseph Bruce
Moses H. Adams
Luke Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton

Art. 3d Voted to grant the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars to defray town charges the current year

Art 4 Voted to grant the Sum of five hundred and ninety Dollars for Winter and three hundred and fifty Dollars for Summer Schools the present year

Art. 5 Voted to to grant the Sum of One Thousand Dollars for the repair of Highways and bridges the Current year and to allow for men, oxen and tools the same as last year.

Art 6 Voted to restrain the running at large of neat cattle and horses the Current year.

Art 7 Voted to alter School districts Nos. 2 & 6 in the manner and to conform to the line mentioned in this article

Art 8 Voted not to make a new division of School money

Art 10 passed over this Article

Art 11 The Town voted to make the Town Treasurer Collector of taxes and to allow those who pay their Taxes within thirty days after the bills shall be committed to the Collector 5 per cent discount to those who pay in 60 days 4 per cent discount and to those who pay in 120 days 3 per cent on the amount of their respective taxes and to allow the Collector 2 per cent for the amount for his Services.

Art 12 Voted to pass this article for the present

Art 13 Voted to accept the following debts.

Jonathan Wheler for Keeping Treasury &c.	30.88
Otis Converse for Services on General School Committee	24.09
Lewis Holbrook's acct for Plans &c.	18.09
Austin Holbrook as one of General School Committee	5.91
Charles Brigham Jrs acct for preparing maps &c.	22.50
Isaac W Woods acct for making taxes for year 1832.	18.00
Charles Goddard's acct do do.	6.00

Adjourned to the 15th inst 4 O'clock P.M.

Attest H. Wood T. Clerk

April 15th 1833 The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the first day of April Current the following further proceedings were had viz

Art. 12th Voted That the Selectmen be a committee to purchase the Basement Story of the Congregational Meeting house for a Town House and that they be authorized to receive a Deed thereof and to give Security therefor in behalf of the Town. Provided the Same can be had for a Sum not Exceeding $ 675 Passed in the affirmative 63 to 45

Art. 13th Voted To accept Chandler M Pratts acct for making Taxes &c. $ 13.00

And the Meeting was dissolved

Attest Harry Wood T. Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections to assemble at the Basement Room of the Baptist Meeting house in Said town on Monday the first day of April next at One O' Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a representative for the Congressional District Number five to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the third day of March Current

And you are also directed to notify the said inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place above directed to act on the following articles Viz:

1st To hear the report of the general School Committee or any other Committee and act thereon

2nd To See how the town will dispose of their maps that they have recently caused to be printed

3rd To See if the town will cause one of the Church Bells to be rung the Ensuing year at twelve o'clock at noon and at nine O'Clock in the Evening

And you are directed to Serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the public meeting houses in Said Town nine days at least before the time of holding Said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this Eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and thirty three

Luke Leland
Moses A Adams
Shaddens Read
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton March 20th 1833

I have served this within warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in Grafton as within directed

Ezra K Pratt. Constable of Grafton

A Copy attest H. Wood T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections held on the first day of April 1833 at the basement Story of the Baptist meetinghouse for the purpose of giving their votes for a representative for the congressional District number five to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the third day of march A.D. 1832. The whole number of votes given in were Sorted. Counted. recorded. and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed. and they were for the following Person

For Hon John Davis. Eighty Seven Votes.

Attst. H. Wood T. Clr.

Also at the same time and place the said inhabitants by ballot Chose Pardon Marich Moderator

2nd Voted So accept the Report of the General School Committee & that See on file

3rd Voted That the Selectmen for the time being be a Committee to dispose of the Maps of the town at 25 cents Each

4th Voted that the Selectmen cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12 O'Clock at noon and 9 O'Clock in the Evening during the present year.

And the Meting was dissolved —

Attst Harry Wood T. Clr.

Worcester Ss.

To David Jourdan Constable of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Grating.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the basement Story of the Baptist Meting house in Said Grafton on monday the 29th Instant at four O'Clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following Articles V

1st. To Choose a Moderator.

2nd. To See if the Town will accept a road laid out by the Selectmen Commencing west of Major Otis Adams's house and Ending at the road leading from Grafton to Westborough between the Dwelling Houses of Isaac W Wood and Levi C Heywood or act there on as they Shall think proper.

3rd To See if the Town will make an alteration in the division of School money So that School district Number Six may draw twelve and district number Two Eleven per Cent of the Public Money

4th To See if the Town will Choose a Committee for the purpose of procuring Lumber &c to finish the Basement Story under the Congregational Meting house, and Cause Said Basement room to be finished for a Town house

5th To accept town Debts
6th To hear the report of any committee
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town nine days at least before the time for holding said meeting
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid
Given under our hands this nineteenth day of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty three.

Samuel Wood
Luke Leland
Thaddeus Read
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton April 20. 1833
I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said Town
David Sourdan Constable

A True Copy Attest

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held at the usual place on Monday the 29th day of april 1833 the following procedings were had Viz
By Ballot chose Samt. Wood Moderator
Art 3 Voted to alter the division of the School money so that district No. 6 shall have 12 per cent instead of 11. and district No. 2 11 per cent instead of 12.
Art. 2 Voted to accept the lay out of a town road by the Selectmen which is in the words and figures following. to wit

A Road laid out by the Selectmen as a town road Commencing five rods westerly of a walnut tree at a stake and Stones on the northerly side of the old road leading from Major Otis Adams to Charles L Heywoods running on the northerly side of the ~~old~~ new laid out road running North 78°. 15' west 63 rods 8/10 tenths to a stake and stones thence north 89°. 15' west 95 rods 5/10 tenths to the road leading from Grafton to Westboro. running in the land of Otis Adams 114 rods & 3/10 — on the land of Calvin W Forbush 110 rods & 2/10 on the land of Silas Warren 74 Rods 9/10 Whole distance 159 rods 4/10. Said road to lay two rods in width

Samuel Wood
Luke Leland
Thaddeus Read
} Selectmen of Grafton

And that the Selectmen be a Committee to Cause said road to be made

Art 1 Saml Wood. Perley Goddard & Jonathan Whitcher were Chosen a Committee to Cause the basement Story of the Congregational Meeting house recently purchased by the town. to be finished as a town house for the use of the town

And the Meeting was dissolved

Attest Harry Woods T. Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Ezra K. Pratt Constable of the Town of Grafton. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the basement of the Baptist Meeting house on monday the ninth day of September next at four o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles —

1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To see if the town will vote to petition to the County Commissioners to discontinue so much of the old county road leading from Joseph Nichols to Upton line.

3. To accept town debts.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in said Town, nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaids.

Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Samuel Woods
Luke Lelands
Thaddeus Reads
Joel Forbush.
} Selectmen of Grafton.

August 31. 1833. Worcester ss.

I have served this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in said town of Grafton pursuant to the within directions.

Ezra K. Pratt Constable of Grafton.

A true copy. Attest. H. Woods T. Cler.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs held at the Basements of the Baptist Meetinghouse in said Town on the ninth day of September A.D. 1833. the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Harry Woods Moderator

Art. 2d. Luke Lelands, Jonathan Whipple and Thaddeus Reads were chosen a Committee to carry into effect the object mentioned in this article — and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest. Harry Woods, Town Clerk.

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Worcester ss. To Ezra K. Pratt. Constable of the Town of Grafton.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Basement room of the Baptist Meetinghouse on monday the fourth day of November next at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles —

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d. To see if the town will choose an Agent or Agents to oppose a new road, petitioned for by Aaron Tufts and others to run through the town of Grafton, or act thereon as they shall think proper.

3. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Constable to post up notices for town meetings to all of the meetinghouses in the centre of the town.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in said town, nine days before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Samuel Woods
Luke Leland
Moses H. Adams
Thaddeus Read.
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Oct. 26th. 1833.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the said inhabitants of the town of Grafton to meet at the within time and place, by posting up attested copies of said Warrant at each of the public meetinghouses in said town.

Ezra K. Pratt. Constable of Grafton.

A true Copy. Attest. H. Woods. T. Clr.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held at the basement room of the Baptist meeting-house in said Town on the fourth day of November A.D. 1833. the following proceedings were had, viz:

By ballot chose Pardon Aldrich Moderator.

Art 2d. Joshua Harrington, Joseph Bruce and Pardon Aldrich together with the Selectmen for the time being were chosen Agents to oppose the location of the roads mentioned in this article.

Art. 3d. Voted that the Constable be instructed to notify future town meetings by posting up an attested copy of the warrant at each of the Meetinghouses in the Centre of Grafton. and the meeting was dispolved

Attest. H. Woods T. Clr.

To Ezra K. Pratt one of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the basement room of the Baptist Meetinghouse in Grafton on Monday the Eleventh day of November next at twelve o'clock at noon — To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for six Senators on one ballot for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing.

Also to act on the following articles.

1. To determine the number of Representatives the Town will choose for the present year
2. To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next
3. To bring in their votes by ballot to the Selectmen for or against the proposed article of amendments to the third article of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

And you are also required to notify and warn the abovenamed Inhabitants to meet at the abovenamed place and day at three o'clock afternoon to act on the following articles.

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
2. To see if the town will choose an Agent to answer to an Indictment found by the Grand Jury against the Town for neglecting to keep the road in repair from Joseph Nichols to Upton line
3. To see if the Town will take any measures to prosecute the Town of Millbury for expences incurred by Supporting Cyrus Simmons and family.
4. To see if the Town will take any measures to procure a farm, on which to support their paupers.
5. To hear the report of any Committees which have been chosen by the Town and act thereon.
6. To accept Town Debts.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in said Town ten days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Samuel Woods
Luke Leland
Moses H. Adams
Thaddeus Read
Jacob Forbush
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton October 31. 1833. I have served the above Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in Grafton pursuant to the directions of said Warrant

Ezra K. Pratt Constable.

A true Copy Attest. H. Woods T. Clerk.

Worcester ss. November 11th 1833. Then Samuel Woods, Luke Leland, Moses H. Adams, Thaddeus Read and Joel Forbush were sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of their office as Selectmen of the Town of Grafton for the current year, respecting all elections and the returns thereof

Before me Harry Woods. Town Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in elections, held on the eleventh day of November A. D. 1833. being the second Monday in said month, the whole number of votes given in for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and six Senators on one ballot, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons. viz.

For Governor
- John Davis, one hundred fifty one votes.
- Marcus Morton Seventy three votes.
- John Quincy Adams. Sixty votes.

For Lieut. Gov.
- Samuel T. Armstrong, One hundred forty six votes.
- James Fowler Seventy five votes.
- Samuel Lathrop Sixty votes.

For Senators.

Samuel Mixter	one hundred fifty votes.
Ira Barton	one hundred fifty votes.
Charles Hudson	one hundred fifty votes.
Samuel Lee	one hundred fifty votes
Rejoice Newton	one hundred fifty votes
Charles Russell	one hundred fifty votes
Henry Prentiss	Seventy four votes.
John Brown	Seventy four votes.
John Spurr	Seventy four votes.
Moses Woods	Seventy four votes
Payson Williams	Seventy four votes.
Joseph Thayer	Seventy one votes.
Stephen P. Gardner	Fifty eight votes
Theodore Jones	Fifty eight votes
Tyler Batchelder	Fifty eight votes
Thomas Chamberlain	Fifty eight votes
William M. Benedict	Fifty eight votes
Rufus Mixer	Fifty eight votes

Attest H. Woods T. Clerk.

The inhabitants aforesaid at the time & place aforesaid voted to choose one Representative to represent said Town in the General Court aforesaid. and Samuel Woods was chosen by ballot.

Attest. H. Woods T. Cler.

The Town then proceeded as follows.

By ballot chose Samuel Woods Moderator.

Art. 2d. Harry Woods was chosen agent to answer to the Indictments mentioned in this article.

Art 3d. Voted that the Overseers of the poor take such measures in relation to the subject of this article, as they may think proper.

Art 4th. Passed over.

Art 5th. Passed over.

Art 6th. Voted to accept Isaac W. Woods a/c. for making taxes. $16,50

The whole number of votes brought in by ballot to the Selectmen for and against the proposed article of amendment to the third article of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution, were sorted, counted, recorded and declared, and were as follows. viz.

Yeas — One hundred fifty eight votes.

Nays — Three votes.

and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest Harry Woods Town Clerk.

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections to meet at the basement room of the Baptist Meetinghouse on Monday the seventeenth day of February next at one o'clock afternoon to give in their votes to the Selectmen who shall preside at said Meeting for one Representitive that is an inhabitant of Congressional District number Five in this Commonwealth to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Davis a Representitive of this Commonwealth from said district, to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the third day of March 1833.

Also to notify and warn the inhabitants as above to meet at the same place on said day at two o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles, viz.

1 To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting.

2d. To see what measures the Town will take to procure a farm on which to support their paupers

3d To hear the report of any outstanding Committees and act thereon.

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in the centre of said town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant

with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Luke Leland
Moses H. Adams
Thaddeus Read
Jacob Forbush.
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton February 1st 1834

I have served the above warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in the centre of said Town of Grafton as above directed.

David Gourdan Constable of Grafton

A true copy. Attest H. Wood T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in elections held on the seventeenth day of February A.D. 1834. the whole number of votes for a Representative to Congress to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. John Davis ~~was~~ were sorted, counted, and recorded and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed and were for the following persons viz. For.

Levi Lincoln, One hundreds and forty votes.
Isaac Davis Six votes.

Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk.

At a town meeting held on the same day pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot Chose Luke Leland moderator.

Art. 2d Albert Stone, Charles Aldrich, Jonathan Whipple, Joseph Bruce and Isaac H. Wood were chosen a Committee to enquire and report at the annual March meeting upon the expediency of purchasing a farm for the purposes mentioned in this article, and upon what terms a farm can be procured.

Art 3d. Voted to accept the following reports, to wit.

"The undersigned a Committee chosen by the town to cause a new road & bridges to be made leading from Austin Holbrooks to Farnumsville, located by the County Commissioners and ordered at their June term 1832. said road & bridges made to their acceptance on or before the first of Nov.r of that year, your Committee ask leave to report. we met on the 23 of August having given previous notice of said meeting, and put up the making of said roads at auction. 191 rods was struck off to Sampson Drury & James Sherman at 74 cents per rod— Building the Bridge over the Blackstone river was struck off to said Drury & Sherman at $467.00 – said bridge was

built and accepted the first of December, Building the bridge over the raseway of the canal Cotton factory was struck off to Austin Holbrook at $65,00 said bridge was built and accepted by County Commissioners Novr th 20 1833 - the road Drury & Sherman made, and the road Peter Farnum made free from expence to the town ware accepted at that time, - the whole amount of Cost the town paid $673..34.

Grafton Feb,, th 17 1834.

Joshua Harrington
Luke Leland
Austin Holbrook
Jon^{a}. Whipple
Mos^{s} H. Adams.

and the meeting was dissolved

Attest. H. Wood T. Cler.

Worcester ss

To either of the constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester - Greeting in the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Basement room of the Baptist Meeting house in said Grafton on monday the third day of March next at twelve o'clock at noon then and there to act on the following articles

1st. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2d. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

3d. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the Support of Schooling, maintenance of the poor, and to defray other town charges the ensuing year.

4th. To raise money to repair the highway, town ways and bridges the ensuing year, and see what method the town will adopt in laying out the same

5th To see if the town will restrain horses, neat cattle and swine from running at large within the town the year ensuing.

6th To see if the town will choose a committee or otherways to borrow money for the purpose of paying purchase and finishing the town hall under the congregational Meeting house and for other purposes.

7th To see if the town will cause Stones to be set up at the corners of each lot as laid out in the new grave yard. Also at the head and foot of each grave in the old and new yards where they do not already exist

8th. To see if the town will cause the gravel pit to be filled up and leveled in the new grave yards, and make arrangements with the Sexton so that the lots taken up in the new and old grave yards may be ascertained at all times and act thereon

9th To see if the town will indemnify Chandler M. Pratt for damages he sustained on the Wheeler Bridge so called in October last or act thereon.

10th To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon.

11th To see what measures the town will take to procure by Deed or lease a farm on which to support their paupers.

12th To accept town debts.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested coppy thereof at each of the public meeting hous in the centre of said town nine days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaids.

Given under our hands and seals this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Luke Leland
Moses H. Adams
Thaddeus Read
Joel Forbush.

Worcester ss. Grafton February 22d 1834.

I have served the above warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at each of the public meetinghouses in the centre of Grafton pursuant to the direction in said warrant.

David Jourdan, Constable of Grafton.

A. Copy. Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in elections & in town affairs held on the third day of March A.D. 1834. pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Harry Wood moderator.

" " " Samuel Wood
Luke Leland
Joel Forbush
Jonathan Warren
Charles Aldrich
} Selectmen.

" " " Harry Wood Town Clerk
Jonathan Whipple " Treasurer.

Voted to take up and now act upon the 10th Article.

Art. 10th Voted to accept the following report of Committee.

"The committee chosen by the town of Grafton to gain information respecting the advantage arising to towns by buying a farm to support their poor upon, have attended to the subject and report — That they have obtained Statements from the Towns of Westborough Shrewsbury, Uxbridge and Mendon, and finds those towns have reduced their expence for support of poor, by purchasing a farm, more than one half from what it cost in their usual mode — the

particular Statements obtained will be communicated otherways."

Albert Stone
Isaac W. Woods
Jon[a]. Whipple
Joseph Bruce
Charles Aldrich

Voted now to take up the 11[th] Article for the purpose of acting thereon which, after discussion, was passed for the present.

Adjourned to Monday 17[th] Inst. at one o'clock P. M.

Attest H. Woods T. Clerk

March 17[th]. 1834. The town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 3[d] Inst. the following further proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Isaac W. Wood
Nathan Hancock
Oliver M. Brigham } Assessors.

(Sworn March 19. 1834) Millotte Baker
Willard S. Wood } Constables

Otis Converse
John Wild
Rufus St. Johnson } General School Committee.

Voted to appoint the Town Treasurer, Collector as last year & to allow the same discounts as last year, to those who pay their taxes in 30. 60. & 120 days.

Voted to choose the remainder of the Town Officers by hand vote. and

Samuel Harrington
Royal Leland
John P. Hayden
Benjamin Goddard
Joseph Knox
David Jones
Robert W. Flagg
Timothy H. Merriam
Leonard Wheelock. } Were chosen District School Committee.

(Sworn April 7. 1834) Aaron Holmes
(Sworn April 14. 1834) Jeremiah Flagg } Fence viewers

Silas Warren sealer of Leather
Philip Wing Surveyor of Lumber

Ebenezer Aldrich
Luther Wright
Chandler M. Pratt
Lovel Baker
Moses Roberts } Measurers of Wood.

Jonathan Warren, Thaddeus Read
Millotte Baker
Joseph Adams
Joseph Meriam Jr.
Joseph Batcheldee
Thomas Lewis
Charles Goddard
Jonathan W. Stow
Salmon Hathaway
Arvin Thompson
Humphry Taylor
Emory Singletary } Highway Surveyors & Collectors of Highway taxes. for the current year.

Pound Keeper.

Henry P. Warren
Aaron Holmes } Tythingmen.

Adjourned to the twenty fifth day of March current at this place.

Attest. H. Wood J. Cler.

March 25. 1834. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the Seventeenth day of the same march, the following further proceedings were had viz.

By Ballot chose Joel Drake Constable in the steads of Willard S. Wood excused, who appeared and was sworn according to law. March 29. 1834.

Voted to choose an additional Constable.

By Ballot chose Chandler M. Pratt Constable, who was sworn June 6. 1834.

By vote chose Isaac Southwick a highway Surveyor & Collector of Highway taxes in the room of Thomas Lewis who declined serving.

Voted to take up the 11th article for the purpose of acting thereon

Art. 11. Voted to enlarge the Committee chosen on the Seventeenth day of February last, consisting of Albert Stone, Isaac W. Wood Jonathan Whipple, Joseph Bruce & Charles Aldrich, to consider the expediency of purchasing a Farm on which to support the town paupers, by the addition of the following persons viz.

Jonathan Wheeler
Charles Brigham
Moses Adams
Elijah Brooks
Perley Goddard and that the Committee thus constituted be authorized to purchase such Farm in behalf of the Town.

Art 3. Voted to grant the sum of Twenty five hundred Dollars, for the maintenance of the Poor and to defray other town charges the current year.

Art 4. Voted to grant the sum of One thousand Dollars for the repair of Highways & Bridges the present year, and

to allow men Oxen & tools the the same as last year.

Art. 5. Voted to restrain the running at large of horses, neat cattle and Swine the present year.

Art. 6. Voted, that Samuel Wood, Perley Goddard and Jonathan Wheeler, the Committee heretofore chosen to cause the Town House to be finished, be authorised to borrow so much money as shall be necessary to defray the purchase and the expence of finishing the same.

Art 7. Thaddeus Read, Philip Wing & Isaac W. Wood were chosen a Committee to carry this article into effect, and also the objects of the 8th Article.

Art 9th Voted to allow the claim of Chandler M. Pratt mentioned in this article — " — " — " — $131.33.

Art. 12. Voted to allow the following accounts viz.

Chandler M. Pratts for making taxes for 1833 - -	$16.75
Charles Brigham Jrs for Do. "	16.25
Jon.a Whipples for railing Bridge & Causeway	6.75.

and the meeting was dissolved

Attest H. Wood T. Cler.

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall under the Congregational Meetinghouse in said Grafton on Monday the seventh day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles

1st To see what method the Town will adopt to procure stock, Farming-tools, hay and grain and other necessary articles sufficient to put onto the Farm recently purchased on which to support their Poor.

2nd To see if the Town will cause their Treasurer and Collector to procure Bonds.

3d. To see if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at twelve o'clock at noon and at nine in the evening the ensuing year.

4th To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon.

5th To see if the Town will cause the woodwork in the Town House to be painted and do movable seats be made in the same.

6th To accept Town debts.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in the Center of said Town to stand posted two Sabbath days previous to the time for holding said Meeting— Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and thirty four. Luke Leland / Jon.a Warren / Charles Aldrich } Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton April the 7. A.D. 1834.
I served the within warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Meetinghouses in the centre of said town pursuant to the within warrant. Joel Drake. Constable of Grafton.

A Copy. Attest Harry Wood T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Towne House in said Town on Monday the seventh day of April A. D. 1834. the following proceedings were had, viz.

By Ballot chose Samuel Woods Moderator

Voted to take up the 4th article and act thereon.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to purchase a Farm on which to support the Town's poor which is in the words and figures following, to wit.

"The Subscribers a Committee chosen by the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in legal Town meeting to purchase a Farm on which to support their paupers have attended that service and ask leave to report as follows (viz) That they have purchased a Farm of Benjamin Kingsbury in the westerly part of said Grafton containing Ninety nine acres and ninety one and a half rods exclusive of the roads through the same and is more fully described in his deed to the Inhabitants of Grafton bearing date the fifth day of April instant for thirty one dollars per acre amounting to Three thousand & Eighty Six Dollars & seventy three cents on interest from the first day of April Instant payable in one year for which sum your Committee gave two separate notes of hand for and in behalf of the Inhabitants of said Grafton as follows (viz) one to Benjamin Kingsbury dated the first day of April Instant for the sum of Eighteen hundred & Eighty six Dollars seventy three cents payable in one year with interest and one to Charles Brigham for the balance being Twelve hundred Dollars on interest payable at the same time and date as the first named note.

All which is most respectfully Submitted by your Committee.

Grafton 7th April 1834

Albert Stone
Isaac W. Wood
Jon[a] Whipple
Joseph Bruce
Charles Aldrich
Jon[a] Wheeler
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Charles Brigham
Perley Goddard."

Art. 1. Voted that the Selectmen procure the stock, Farming tools and all other necessary articles to furnish the Town poor Farm and draw orders on the Town Treasurer for the amount of such purchase.

Art 2d. Voted that the Treasurer, whenever appointed Collector,

be required to give Bonds to the Town to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the time being.

Art 3d. Voted that the Selectmen procure some suitable person to ring one of the Church Bells at 12 o'clock M. & 9. P. M. the ensuing year.

Art. 5. Voted that the Committee chosen to cause the Town House to be finished also cause the woodwork of same to be painted and a suitable number of moveable seats to be furnished for the use of the Town.

Art 6. Voted to accept the following accounts viz.

Henry A. Ball's for Sweeping basement room of Baptist Meetinghouse for use of the Town } . . . . $0.. 60

Otis Converse's for Books furnished poor Scholars . . . 1.. 58.

and the meeting was dispolved

Attest. H. Woods T. Cler.

Worcester ss. To Joel Drake Constable of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the first day of September next at three o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a moderator.

2a To see if the Town will accept the road formerly laid out from Jasper W. Putnams to Widow Fanny Brooks and pay the sum of Seventy Dollars for making said road.

3a To see if the Town will choose a Committee for the purpose of rebuilding the Bridge near Samuel P. Leland's Blacksmith Shop or repairing the same.

4th To see if the town will accept the revision of the Jury Box.

5th To hear the report of any Committee that have not reported.

6th To accept Town Debts.

7th To see if the Town will a road as laid out by the Selectmen commencing oppsite the house of Levi Leland's and ending near the house of Jonathan Brooks.

8th To see if the Town will vote to collect the School notes on or before the seventeenth day of March next and loan the amount, to be secured on Real Estate.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by Posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Meetinghouses in the centre of said Town nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Samuel Woods
Luke Leland
Joel Forbush
Jon[a] Warren
Charles Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton.

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Worcester ss. Grafton August 23d. 1834:
I have served the above Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the meetinghouses in the centre of Grafton, as above directed. Joel Drake Constable of Grafton.

A Copy. Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs held on the first day of September A.D. 1834. the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Samuel Wood Moderator

Art. 2. Voted to accept the roads laid out by the Selectmen from Jasper W. Putnams to Widow Fanny Bennetts and that the Selectmen draw their warrant for the sum of Seventy Dollars. (see lay-out under meeting Dec. 31. 1832).

Art. 3. Thaddeus Read, Moses Roberts and Joel Forbush were chosen a Committee to examine the Bridge near Samuel P. Lelands Blacksmith Shop, and repair or rebuild the same as they shall think proper.

Art. 4. Voted to accept the following List of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, as follows viz.

"The Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton report the following names for the Jury Box as revised by them.

Moses H. Adams, Otis Adams, Joseph Adams, Charles Brigham, Joseph Bruce, John Batcheller, Perley Goddard, Joshua Harrington, Elijah Kimball, Luke Lelands, Timothy Merriam, John Putnam, Joseph Prentice, Thaddeus Read, Joseph Batchelder, Joel Forbush, Isaac W. Wood, Moses Roberts, Liberty Wood, Isaac Southick, Austin Holbrook, Jona. Whipple, Silas Forbush Jr. Charles Aldrich, Joshua W. Lelands, Oliver M. Brigham, Leonard Wheelock, Philip Wing, Charles Brigham Jr., Silas Warren, Jona. Warren, Benj.a Heywood, Albert Stone, Samuel Harrington, Solomon Prentice, Benjamin Kingsbury, Jasper W. Putnam, Willard S. Wood, Nathan Hancock, Noah Kimball, Ebenezer Aldrich, Chandler M. Pratt, Jos. C. Luther, Luther Wright, Daniel Pitts, Lovel Stow Jr. John Putnam Jr.

Samuel Wood
Luke Lelands
Joel Forbush
Jona. Warren
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Art 5. Voted to accept the following report of Committee, to wit,

"The Committee, viz, (Samuel Wood, Perley Goddard & Jonathan Wheeler (or a Majority of them) Chosen by the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in legall town Meeting Asembled, To cause the Basement Story under the Congregational Society's Meting-house, in said Town, recently purchased by said Town for a Town House, to be finished with suitable materials, and in a Workmanlike manner, and at a subsequent legal adjourned

annual Meeting, the same Committee, among other things, were authorised to borrow money on interest, in behalf of the Town, to defray the expence, labour & materials for finishing the same. Ask leave to report as follows viz. That on the first day of November 1833. they entered into contract with George Clapp and Danford B. Cummings to furnish the lumber, except the Sleepers & joice, with the nails, and perform all the Carpenter work finding themselves for the sum of Three hundred & fifty Dollars, and nine cents per square yards for furnishing the materials and laying on the lathe as will appear by their bill receipted on the contract, reference thereto, the Committee furnishing the Sleepers joice and Stone and apistance in laying the latter - all payable on the fifteenth day of April A.D. 1834. and on the seventeenth day of the same month of April your Committee as authorised by the Town borrowed of Moses Adams on their note of hand in behalf of its Inhabitants, on interest payable to the said Moses Adams or order in one year for the sum of five hundred and fifty Dollars, on the same day paid George Clapp and Danforth B. Cummings out of said money borrowed their bill on said contract receipted for the sum of Three hundred & ninety one Dollars & Eight cents, being the before named three hundred & fifty dollars with the amount for lathing thirty nine Dollars & ninety six cents, and one Dollar & twelve cents for ninety feet joice furnished by them, reference to their bill - Also on the same day paid Jonathan Wheeler, Royal Keith & Pardon Aldrich Committee chosen by the congregational Society in Grafton to make sale of the shed lots, Basement Story under their meetinghouse with materials on hand for the benefit of the Stock-holders in said house, Twenty nine Dollars & ninety seven cents, being the cost and one years interest of Eighteen hundred and ten feet of three by five Inch joice, reference to said Committee's bill of the same, further on the same day paid Jonathan W. Stow his bill for three hundred & twenty two feet of Eight inch white oak square Timber for Sleepers in said Town House Twenty one Dollars and Seventy four cents, reference to his bill now presented = and on the twelveth day of May following paid B. Newton & Co. Bill for plastering said Town House forty four Dollars & forty cents, being four hundred & forty four Square yards, reference to said Bill, and on the seventeenth day of June following paid E & C. Aldrich & Co. for paints oil & S. F. Redding for painting said Town House & setting Glass reference to said bill Twenty four Dollars and Seventy nine cents. And on the twenty seventh day of August following paid Jefferson Wheelock's bill for cutting away the Stone to admit casing the windows & Doors to the Town House and drilling twenty six holes for the fastener to the Shutters in all one Dollar as his bill receipted, on the thirteenth paid Samuel Hall three Dollars in exchange of Shutter fasteners & placing the same in drilled holes as his bill receipted - on the same day paid Samuel Wood Two Dollars for his man two days in procuring Stone and assisting to lay them for the Sleepers to rest on as per bill receipted, and on the same day paid Jonathan Wheeler Eight Dollars & nineteen cents for his man four & a half days, forty nine feet white oak seven Inch Timber for South Sil in Town House, Ten book for

Stove pipe, fourteen screws, seven Pew hinges, fixing the same & six Staples reference to his Bill receipted. The total amount of the foregoing recited Bills is Five hundred & twenty six Dollars & seventeen cents, and is all the expence in finishing said Town House necessary except the movable seats, which amount deducted from the sum of Five hundred & fifty Dollars as heretofore recited leaves a balance of Twenty three Dollars & Eighty three cents in the hands of your Committee subject to the disposal of the Town as they may deem proper. All which is respectfully submitted to the Town for their acceptance.

By your Committee. Samuel Wood
Jon.a Wheeler "

and that said Committee pay over the balance remaining in their hands into the Town Treasury.

Art 6. Voted to accept the following accounts viz.
Perley Goddard's for building and repairing Bridges.
to wit. Wheeler Bridge . . . . . $103..11
Central Do. . . . . 10..01

Art. 7. voted to accept the following town Road laid out by the Selectmen, on condition that the said Road shall be made to the acceptance of the Selectmen with no greater expence to the town than the sum of Thirty two Dollars and twenty five cents, to wit.

"We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have laid out for the use of said Town, a town Way as follows:- Beginning at a Stake and stones on the Northeasterly side of the road leading from Grafton to Mendon two rods and 35/40 of a rod northwesterly of the corner where the aforesaid road intersects with the George Hill road, so called, near the house of Levi Leland, at land of Lawson Munyan; then through said Munyan's land north forty six degrees East ten rods and nine tenths of a rod; thence North thirty five degrees East six 3/4 rods to a post on the north side of a barway where it intersects the road last mentioned near the dwelling house of Jon.a Brooks, to be three rods Wid, and to lie on the southeasterly side of said course. And we agree with the said Lawson Munyan for the sum of Thirty two Dollars and twenty five cents to be paid him by the said Town of Grafton, which is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town Way.

Dated at Grafton this thirtieth day of August A.D. 1834.

Samuel Wood
Luke Leland
Joel Forbush
Jon.a Warren
} Selectmen of Grafton. "

Art 8. Isaac W. Wood, Jonathan Whipple and Samuel Wood, were chosen a Committee to collect the notes mentioned in this Article and loan the money out on Mortgage of real estate.

and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest. H. Wood Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Joel Drake Constable for the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on monday the twenty second day of September at four o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles.

1st. To choose a Moderator

2d. To see what method the town will take respecting the roads petitioned to the County Commissioners for by the Grafton Manufacturing Company and William Holbrook and others, or act thereon as they shall think proper.

3d To see if the Town will take any measures for making any alterations in the Poor House for the convenience of the paupers.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in the centre of said town, nine days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Samuel Wood
Luke Leland
Joel Forbush
Charles Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton Sept. 12. 1834.

I have served the within Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in the centre of Grafton as within directed.

Joel Drake. Constable of Grafton.

A. Copy. Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held on the twenty second day of September A. D. 1834. pursuant to notice, the following proceedings were had, viz.

By ballot chose Samuel Wood Moderator

Art. 2d. The Selectmen for the time being were chosen Agents of the Town to oppose the laying out of the contemplated new Road petitioned for by Grafton Manufacturing Company & 22. others.

Art. 3d. Voted that the Selectmen make such alterations in the Poor House as they may think necessary.

And the meeting was dissolved.

Attest H. Wood. T. Clerk

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Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

(L.S.). In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall in Grafton on monday the tenth day of November next at one o'clock in the afternoon, being the second monday of said Month.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for Six Senators on one ballot for the district of Worcester for the year ensuing.

And also to give in their votes for a Representative in the Twenty fourth Congress of the United States for the fifth District.

Also to determine the number of Representatives the Town will choose for the present year.

To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the general Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

And you are directed to notify the Inhabitants above named to meet on said day and at the place above named at three o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles

1st. To see if the Town will authorise the Treasurer to borrow money to defray town charges.

2d. To see if the Town will permit the members of Lyceum to hold their meetings in the Town Hall.

3d. To accept Town Debts

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in the centre of said town nine days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves.

Given under our hands and seals this thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Samuel Wood
Luke Leland
Joel Hobush
Jon^{a} Warren
Charles Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton October 31. 1834.

I have served the above warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in the centre of Grafton as above directed.

Joel Drake } Constable of Grafton.

A. Copy Attest H. Woods T. Clerk

Worcester ss. Grafton November 10th 1834. Then Samuel Woods, Luke Leland, Joel Forbush, Jonathan Warren and Charles Aldrich Selectmen of the Town of Grafton for the current year personally appeared and were sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of their Office respecting all elections and the returns thereof.

Before me Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in Town afairs held on the tenth day of November A.D. 1834 being the second monday in said month, the whole number of votes given in for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Six Senators on one ballot were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed, and were for the following persons. viz,

For Governor.

John Davis, Two hundred twenty three votes.
Marcus Morton, One hundred and nine votes.
John Bailey Two votes.
Samuel Allen One vote.

For Lieut. Governor.

Samuel T. Armstrong, Two hundred twenty three votes
William C. Thompson, One hundred and ten votes.
George Odiorne Two votes.

For Senators.

Samuel Mixter Two hundred and twenty two votes.
Charles Hudson Two hundred .. twenty two votes.
Charles Russell Two hundred twenty two votes.
Charles Allen Two hundred twenty two votes.
Waldo Flint Two hundred twenty two votes
Henry Prentice One hundred and nine votes.
Joseph Thayer One hundred nine votes
John Spurr One hundred nine votes
Nathaniel Rand One hundred nine votes
Alexander De Witt One hundred nine votes
John Boyenton One hundred nine votes.
Stephen P. Gardner Two votes.
Tyler Batcheller Two votes
Theodore Jones Two votes
Lovel Peters Two votes
Austin Flint Two votes
Elijah Stoddard Two votes.

Attest. H. Wood T. Cler.

The votes for a Representative in the Twenty fourth Congress for the Fifth District, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, and were for the following persons. viz, For Levi Lincoln, Two hundred twenty one votes.

Maturin L. Fisher, One hundred and three votes.
C. Aldrich One vote.
Wm. Foster One vote.

Attest. H. Wood T. Cler.

The Inhabitants aforesaid at the time and place aforesaid voted to choose Three Representatives to represent them in the General Court aforesaid, and Samuel Woods, Thaddeus Reads, and Luke Lelands were chosen by Ballot.

Attest. H. Woods T. Clerk

At a Town meeting held on the same day pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had, viz.

Voted to pass over the first article, Samuel Woods having been previously chosen Moderator by Ballot.

Art 2. Voted that the Selectmen for the time being use their discretion in relation to the subject of this article.

Art 3d. Voted to accept the following accounts. to wit.

Thaddeus Reads for building Bridge	$38.62
Isaac W. Woods for making Taxes &c.	19.50
Oliver M. Brighams for Do	13.00
Nathan Hancocks for Do	18.00
Leonard Wheelocks for work on Bridge	6.10

and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest. Harry Woods Town Clerk.

The subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton beg leave to submit the following report for the expences for the year ending on the first monday of March 1834 including certain expences of the preceeding year not drawn for before.

Paid for Assessors' wages & Stationary for 1832	$37.00
" " " " " " 1833	16.50
" " Making and repairing roads & Bridges exclusive of highway Tax	382.49
" for Support of Schools	831.00
" " Support of Town paupers	847.11
" " Support of State [illegible] do	207.37
" " powder & making Cartriges	5.08
" " Making guide Posts	1.50
" " Keeping Treasury & Interest on money advanced for the year 1832	30.88
" " Services of General School Committee	30.00
" " Collecting Taxes for 1830	50.71
" " " " for 1831	56.41
" " " " " 1832	60.90
" " " " " 1833	56.00
" " Publishing Maps	110.50
" " Mowing the burying grounds	5.00
	$2728.45

The Selectmen further report that they have Settled with the Treasurer and his account stands as follows.

Dr. To balance on hand last year exclusive of school notes	$1176.17
" Cash received of State Treasurer	81.66

" "	Proceeds John Latons Clothes &c	₶ 31..00
" "	For sale Town Maps	24..00
" "	of Town Millbury for support of Cyrus Simmons and family	49..50
By	amount of Taxes committed to collector 1833	2461..39
"	one years interest on School notes cast up to 17th. March 1834	60..00
	Amount brought forward	₶ 3883..72
	By compound interest on School notes	36
		3884..08

Cr. By	orders paid the Selectmen	2728..45	
"	Sink orders paid the Assessors	129..07	
"	Reimbursement of Soldiers poll Taxes for year 1831	2..10	
" "	" " " " " " 1832	22..40	
" "	" " " " " " 1833	4..32	
	Interest paid on Jon.a Whipple note now in the hands of Daniel Waldo	36..00	
	Discount on prompt payment of taxes for year 1833	79..69	
"	Cash paying out outstanding orders.	304..15	3306..18
	Nett Balance in favour of the Town		577..90
	School notes interest cast up to 17th. March 1834		1000..00
			1577..90

Whole Amount in Treasurers hand including School notes

All which is most respectfully submitted

Luke Leland
Moses H. Adams
Thaddeus Read
Joel Forbush
} Selectmen of Grafton

Copy Attest. H. Woods T. Cler

(S.S.) Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the second day of March next at twelve o'clock at noon, then and there to act on the following articles

1 To choose all necessary town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
3 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Schooling and to defray all other necessary town charges for the year ensuing.
4. To raise money for the repair of highways, town-ways and Bridges the ensuing year, and to see what method the Town will adapt in laying out the same.
5 To see if the Town will authorise the loan of such sum of money at an interest not exceeding five or five and a half per cent per annum as they may deem necessary to meet the present exigences of the Town and choose a Committee to negotiate such loan with authority to give security therefor in behalf of said Town
6 To see if the Town will pay the Bill of Mr Goodman for damage done his Chaise that he claims in consequence of Obstructions in the road
7 To see if the Town will Take any measures to celebrate publickly the Hundredth anniversary of their existence as a Municipal Corporation.
8 To see if the Town will restrain horses neat cattle and swine from running at large within the Town the ensuing year.
9 To see if the Town will instruct their Selectmen not to approbate any person to the County Commissioners to be licenced to sell ardent Spirits
10 To see if the Town will appoint their Treasurer Collector of Taxes and to see what discount the Town will make to those who shall pay to the Collector their taxes within thirty days within sixty days and within one hundred and twenty days after the Tax Bill shall be committed.
11 To see if the Town will vote that the Prudencial School Committee shall be chosen in their respective Districts.
12. To see if the Town will cause the Bridge crossing the Blackstone River near the Canal Cotton Manufatory to be put in repair.
13. To hear the Report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon.
14 To accept Town Debts

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the public

Meeting-houses in the Center of said Town nine days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and Seals this fourteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

Luke Leland
Joel Forbush
Jonathan Warren
Charles Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss.

Town of Grafton March 2. 1835.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton herein described to meet at the time and place & for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested Copies of this Warrant at each of the public Meetinghouses in the Centre of said town ten days before the time set for said meeting

Millotte Baker Constable of Grafton.

Copy. Attest. H. Wood. T. Cler.

At the annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the second day of March A.D. 1835. pursuant to Warning, the following proceedings were had. viz.

By Ballot chose Joshua Harrington Moderator.

" " " Pardon Aldrich
Jonathan Warren
Charles Aldrich
Nathan Hancock
Oliver M. Brigham
} Selectmen for the current year, who afterwards on the twenty fifth day of April 1835. appeared and were sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of their Office respecting all elections and the returns thereof

" " " Harry Wood Town Clerk.

" " " Isaac W. Wood. Town Treasurer.

" " " Joseph Bruce
Philip Wing
Austin Holbrook
} Assessors. — who appeared and were sworn May 28. 1835

Voted to take up the fifth Article in the warrant and act thereon.

Art 5th. Voted that the Town Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to borrow from the Provident Institution for savings in the Town of Boston, the sum of Four thousand Dollars for which he shall give the Treasurer's of said Town of Grafton's note promising payment of the said sum in Eight years with interest annually at the rate of five pr centum pr annum.

Voted to take up the Ninth Article in the Warrant, and act thereon.

Art. 9th. Voted not to instruct the Selectmen in relation to the subject of this article.

Voted to take up the twelfth Article and act thereon.

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Art 12th. Philip Wing, Luke Leland and Umphry Taylor, were chosen a Committee to cause the Bridge mentioned in this Article to be repaired

Art 13th. By ballot chose Millotte Baker (sworn March 10th 1835.) } Constables.
" " " " Franklin Harrington (sworn Mar. 7. 1835) }

Adjourned to Monday March 23d Inst. at one o'clock P. M.

Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk

March 23d 1835. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the second day of March current, proceeded as follows. viz.

By ballot chose John Wild
Rufus A. Johnson } General School Committee.
Nathan T. Dow.

Voted to choose the remainder of the Town Officers by hand vote.

By vote chose, Calvin W. Forbush
Thaddeus Read
Levi Leland
Moses H. Adams
Timothy Merriam
George W. Putnam (sworn Apr. 1. 1835)
Solomon Prentice
William B. Harrington (sworn Apl. 1. 1835)
Jonathan W. Stow
Samuel A. Knox
Pliny Putnam (sworn March 31. 1835)
Jonathan Whipple } Highway Surveyors and Selectors of Highway Taxes for the current year.

" " Joshua Harrington
Charles Brigham } Fence viewers.

" " Isaac W. Wood, Sealer of Leather.

" " Warren W. Pollard
Philip Wing } Surveyors of Lumber.

" " Samuel Hall, Sealer of Weights & measures.

" " Ebenezer Aldrich (sworn Apl. 15. 1835)
Benjamin F. Herrick
Luther Wright
Moses Roberts
John Phillips
Millotte Baker (sworn Apl. 15. 1835)
Albert Clark. } Measurers of Wood.

" " Ebenezer Leland Jr.
Aaron Holmes } Field Drivers.

" " Emory Singletary (sworn July 20th 1835) Pound Keeper.

" " Morey Farnum
Paul Wing
Emory Turner } Tything men.

" " Noah K. Meriam (sworn May 2d 1835)
Joseph C. Luther } Hogreeves.

" " Nathan T. Dow, was chosen Agent to appear in behalf of said Town and answer to all petitions for roads, and generally

to prosecute and defend all suits for and against said Town for the current year.

voted to take up the eleventh article and act thereon.

voted, that it is expedient for the several School Districts in said Town to choose their own Prudential Committee in their respective Districts.

Art 2d. voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen, which is in the words and figures following, to wit.

" The Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton beg leave to exhibit the following report for the expences for the year ending on the first Monday of March 1835. including certain expences of the preceeding year not drawn for before.

Paid for Assessors wages & Stationary for 1833	33.00
" " " " " 1834	50.50
" for making & repairing roads & Bridges exclusive of highway Taxes	312.64
" for Schooling	1107.25
" Chandler M. Pratt for damages	131.33
" for support of Town paupers	630.84
" " State " "	92.35
" " Articles for Pauper Farm	562.74
" " Ringing Bell for 1833	12.00
" " Sweeping basement	60
	2933.25.

The Selectmen further report that they have settled with the Treasurer and his account stands as follows

Dr. To balance on hand last year exclusive of School notes	577.90
To amount of Taxes committed to Jona. Whipple as collector for the year 1834	3878.11
To interest on School note up to March 2' 1835	57.50
" amt. Recd for maintainance of State paupers 1833	104.36
" cash recd for Calf sold from pauper farm	5.00
" " recd of Samuel Wood & Jona. Wheeler as Committee for finishing the town Hall	23.83
	4646.70

Town Treasurer Cr

By orders paid the Selectmen	2913.25
By cash " for recording deeds	1.08
" " " Soldiers	20.48
" " " Sealing weights & measures	2.30
" " " Selectmens Note for basement Story	650.00
" " " Interest on do	60.98
" " " " Daniel Waldo's note	36.00
" " " County Treasurer for County Tax	422.70
" " " Discount on Taxes	85.24
" " " Sink orders	22.85
" " " Interest on B Kingsbury order	10.98
	4225.86
Ballance carried to new a/c	420.84
	4646.70

(over)

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Ballance Brot from old account	420 .. 84
School notes Interest cast to March 2' 1835	1000 .. 00
Whole amount in Treasurers hands	1420 .. 84
including School notes	

all of which is most respectfully Submitted

Samuel Wood
Jonathan Warren } Selectmen of Grafton."
Charles Aldrich

Voted to take up the Seventh Article & act thereon.

Voted to celebrate publicly the anniversary mentioned in this Article and Samuel Wood, Thaddeus Read, Joseph Bruce, Nathan Hancock Joshua Harrington, Joseph C. Luther, Luke Leland, David Jourdan and Pardon Aldrich, were chosen a Committee to make arrangements for the celebration.

Adjourned to Monday the sixth day of April next at two o'clock P. M.

Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk

April 6th 1835. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 23d day of March last, the following further proceedings were had, viz.

Art 3d. Voted to grant the sum of Six hundred and forty Dollars together with the interest of the School fund for the support of Winter schools, and Four hundred Dollars for Summer Schools the present year.

Voted to grant the sum of Two thousand Dollars to defray town Charges the current year.

Art 4th. Voted to grant the sum of One thousand Dollars for the repair of highways and Bridges, the current year, and to allow for men, Oxen, and tools the same as last year.

Art 6th. Voted to leave the subject of this article to the discretion of the Selectmen.

Art 8. Voted to restrain the running at large of Horses, neat cattle and Swine the present year.

Art. 10th Voted to appoint the Town Treasurer Collector, and to discount to those who pay in 30-60 & 120 days the same as the two last years, and to allow the same for collecting.

Art 14. Voted to accept the following accounts. viz.

The Building Committee of Baptist Meeting house's a/c for use of their Basement Room	$17 .. 00
Otis Convers' for visiting Schools &c.	21 .. 50
Jon.a Wheelers for Wood	84
Philip Wings a/c for repairing Bridge	73 .. 06
John P. Hayden's for moving goods	1 .. 50
Joshua Harrington & others for measuring road	3 .. 50
Allowed Calvin W. Forbush in lieu of Dry Bridge	14 .. 00

And the Meeting was dissolved

Attest H. Wood T. Clerk

(L.S.) Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the twenty third Inst. at four O'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

2d To see if the Town will make a new School District in said town to include Stephen Holbrook, Otis Converse, Oliver M. Brigham Charles Daniels, Aaron Fay and such others as the town may think proper to include within the limits of such new District and choose a Committee to define the limits thereof, and to apportion the School money anew among the several School Districts in said town.

3. To see if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at twelve O'clock at noon and nine in the evening the ensuing year.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in the centre of said town nine days at least before the time for holding said Meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seal this seventh day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty five

Pardon Aldrich
Jonathan Warren
Charles Aldrich
Nathan Hancock
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Town of Grafton March 23d 1835.

Persuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton herein described to meet at said time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the public Meeting houses in the centre of said town ten days before the time set for holding said Meeting.

Millott Baker, Constable of Grafton.

A Copy, Attest. Harry Wood T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held on the twenty third day of March A. D. 1835. pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had, viz,

By Ballot chose — Joshua Harrington Moderator.

Art 2d. voted to make a new School District as mentioned in this article of the Warrant.

Adjourned to Monday the sixth day of April next at four o'clock P. M.

Attest H. Wood T. Cler.

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April 6th 1835. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the twenty third day of March last the following further proceedings were had viz.

Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting under the second article in the Warrant, to make a new School District.

Art. 3d Voted that the Selectmen procure one of the Church Bells to be rung as mentioned in this article.

And the meeting was dispolved.

Attest H. Wood T. Cler.

(L.S.). To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in Grafton on Monday the sixth day of April next at five o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a moderator to preside at said Meeting.

2d To see if the Town will make a new School District in said town to include Isaac Southwick, Orlando Whitney William Prentice, Solomon Prentice, Solomon S. Prentice Otis Converse, Royal Leland - Paul Wing - Amaziah Howard, Joel Sibley - and such others as the town may see fit and Choose a Committee to to define the limits thereof and to apportion the School money anew among the several School Districts in said town.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by by posting up attested copies thereof at each of y public Meeting houses in the centre of said town nine days at least before the time for holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said Meeting

Given under our hands and Seals this twenty eight day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five

Jonathan Warren
Charles Aldrich
Nathan Hancock
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton April 6 1835

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Grafton herein described to meet at said time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the publick Meeting-houses in the Centre of said Town nine days before the time set for said Meeting. Millotte Baker Constable of Grafton.

A Copy Attest. H. Wood T. Cler.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held on the sixth day of April A.D. 1835. pursuant to Warning the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Joseph V Bruce Moderator

Art 2d. Voted to pass over this article, and the meeting was dissolved

Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk

(L.S.) Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court, by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the Meeting houses in the Centre of said town nine days at least before the time of said Meeting, to meet at the town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fourth day of May next at two o'clock P. M. to bring in to the Selectmen who shall preside at said Meeting their written votes on one ticket for three County Commissioners being inhabitants of different towns in said County. Also at the same time and place to bring in their votes on one ticket for two Special Commissioners being inhabitants of different towns in said County.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of said Meeting.

Given under our hands and Seals this twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

Pardon Aldrich
Jon^{a} Warren
Charles Aldrich
Nathan Hancock
Oliver M. Brigham
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton May 4. 1835.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Grafton herein described to meet at said time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meetinghouses in the centre of said town nine days before the time set for said meeting.

Millotte Baker, Constable of Grafton.

A Copy. Attest. H. Wood, T. Clerk

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(L S) Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the Public Meeting houses in the centre of said town nine days at least before the time of said meeting to meet at the town Hall in said town on Monday the first day of June next at three O. Clock in the afternoon then and there to give into the Selectmen, who will preside at said meeting their votes for a County Commissioner

you are also required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in ~~Town~~ affairs to meet at said town Hall at four O. Clock P M. on said first day of June next to act on the following articles.

Articles 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2d To see if the town will accept the alteration in the town road leading from the Widow Fanny Brooks near the house formerly owned by Robert Hagg late of Grafton deceased — to the County Road leading from Grafton Meetinghouse to Worcester as altered surveyed and bounded by the Selectmen as will appear on record of said alteration in the Town Clerks office relating thereto, the same being at the verbal request of Jonathan Wheeler.

3. To see if the town will accept the alteration in the new town road (so called) leading from Otis Adams's to Grafton Common as altered and surveyed and bounded by the Selectmen as will appear by the record of said alteration, the same being done on petition of Charles Brigham and others.

4th To accept town debts.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty second day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and thirty five

Pardon Aldrich
Jona. Warren
Charles Aldrich
Nathan Hancock

Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton June 1st A.D. 1835

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the said Inhabitants of the town of Grafton to meet at the within time and place by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the Public Meetinghouses in the Centre of said town nine days before the date hereof

Millotte Baker, Constable of Grafton

At a legal Meting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held on the first day of June A.D. 1835 pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had. viz. The Town Clerk being absent Samuel Wood was chosen by ballot Town Clerk, Pro. Tem. and the votes for County Commissioner were for the following persons

William Crawford of Oakham, Seventeen
Gen. Amory Holman Six

Attest Samuel Wood, Town Clerk Pro. Tem.

At a Town Meting held the same day pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had. viz

Article 1st Pardon Aldrich was chosen Moderator by ballot

" 2d Voted to accept the following report made by the Selectmen. At the verbal request of Jonathan Wheeler Esq. We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have made the following alterations in the Town road leading from the Widow Sanny Brooks passing near the House formerly owned by Robartus Hagg late of said Grafton deceased and uniting with the County road leading from Grafton Meting House to Worcester as follows viz. Beginning on the East side of said County road and the East sides of the now travelled way by land of the Heirs of the late Joseph Dispaw of said Grafton deceased thence running north twenty one degrees East bounding with said Heirs and lands of Leonard Whitlock thirty rods crossing said old road to a post & stones in the line being an original bounds on the east side of said old road, thence North eleven and 3/4 degrees east twenty rods by land of said Whitlock and crossing said old road to a Stake & Stones being the North West corner bounds of said Whitlock's land, by land of said Wheeler, thence north four degrees East about forty three rods to a corner of a wall near a dry bridge made for cattle to pass & repass under said road and crossing to the east side of said old road the two last lines passes over in part the old road and partly over land of the said Wheeler and is two rods wide, and the bounds here mentioned are the bounds of said road are all on the East side of said road

over

All of which is most respectfully submitted for the Towns acceptance

Grafton May 21. 1835

Pardon Aldrich
Charles Aldrich
Nathan Hancock
Oliver M. Brigham
} Selectmen of Grafton

3' voted to accept the following report made by the Selectmen On petition of Charles Brigham and others. We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Grafton have made the following alterations in the new town road leading from Otis Adams to Grafton Common as follows / Beginning five rods westerly of a walnut tree on the northerly side of said new road and running north 78° 15' west 63 rods and 8/10 tenths South 89° west 16 rods 4/10 tenths South 85° 15' west 26 rods and 4/10 tenths North 86° west 52 rods 7 tenths to the County road leading from Grafton to Westboro and the line here mentioned is on the northerly side of the road and said road is two rods wide.

All of which is most Respectfully submitted for the towns acceptance

Grafton May. 21. 1835

Pardon Aldrich
Charles Aldrich
Nathan Hancock
} Selectmen of Grafton

Article 4. voted to accept the following accounts

Borden & Adams account for expenses attending the Centennial Celebration

To Cash paid Music	64.37	
" 5 Tickets	3.75	
" 10 meals	3.75	
" 5 Lodgings	63	
" Cash paid for carrying music to Rand	2.00	
" Horn keeping Kendalls	62	
Jon. S Brown's Jon Wheeler &c	7.33	$ 82.45
Jonas. Whipple for Drink		5.00

and the Meeting was dissolved

Attest Samuel Wood. Town Clerk. Pro. Tem.

To Harry Wood Esq Town Clerk of Grafton. Sir, At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town of Grafton held at the Town house in said town on Monday the first day of June A.D. 1835. at three o'clock P.M. for the choice of a County Commissioner, and also to transact Town business. on the same day & place at four O'clock P.M. Samuel Wood Esq was chosen Town Clerk pro. tempore in your absence, and sworn to the faithful discharge of all the duties required by law that would devolve on the Town Clerk at these meetings were he present. Before me Jon.a Wheeler } Justice of the peace.

Grafton 1st June 1835.

A Copy. Attest H. Wood T. Clerk

(L S) Worcester ss — To either of the Constable of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to Vote for Representatives to the General Court (by posting up attested Copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in the Centre of said town nine days at least before the time of said meeting) to meet at the Town Hall on Monday the twenty ninth day of June Inst. at Four O'Clock P.M. then and there to bring in their votes for a County Commissioner to serve in said office for the term of three years and until some other person be Chosen and qualified in his place

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting

Given under our hands and Seal this twenty ninth day of June A.D. One thousand Eight Hundred and thirty five

Pardon Aldrich
Jon.a Warren
Charles Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton June 29th 1835
I have served the within warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in the centre of said town nine days before the time of holding this meeting

Millette Baker } Constable of Grafton

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held on the twenty ninth day of June A.D. 1835 — persuant to warning the following proceedings were had viz — the town Clerk being absent Charles Aldrich was Chosen by ballot Town Clerk Pro Tempore and the votes for County Commissioner were for the following persons

William Crawford — Sixteen Votes
Jared Ward — Ten Votes
Samuel Mixter — Three Votes

Attest Charles Aldrich Clerk Pro Tem

Grafton 29th June 1835. I hereby certify that at a legal Town meeting held at the Town Hall in Grafton on Monday the 29th day of June Instant A.D. 1835 at four o'clock P.M. Charles Aldrich was chosen Town Clerk protempore in absence of the Town Clerk and was sworn to the faithful discharge of all the duties required by Law of him in the absence of the Town Clerk.

Before me Jon^{a} Wheeler } Justice of the Peace.

A Copy. Attest. H. Wood T. Cler.

(L.S.) Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the thirty first instant at three o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles - viz -

1st. To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting.

2^{d}. To hear the Petition of Sam^{l} Wood & others with regards to choosing one or more Constables to serve said Town during the residue of the current year, and act thereon as they may think proper.

3^{d}. To see what measures the Town will adopt in relation to rebuilding or repairing the Farnum Village Bridge.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in the centre of said Town nine days at least before said meeting - Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid - Given under our hands & seal this eightanth day of August A.D. eighteen hundred & thirty five -

Pardon Aldrich
Charles Aldrich
Nathan Hanco Jr } Selectmen of the Town of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton August 31. 1835

I have served the within Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in the centre of said town, as within directed, which said Copy has stood so posted up over two sundays.

Franklin Harrington } Constable of Grafton.

A Copy. Attest. Harry Wood T. Cler.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the thirty first day of August A.D. 1835 pursuant to Warning, the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Pardon Aldrich Moderator.

Art 2^{d}. By ballot chose Charles Prentice Constable in the stead of Millotte Baker, removed from said Town, who thereupon appeared and took the oath required by Law.

Art 3d Voted that the Selectmen for the time being be a Committee to examine the Bridge mentioned in this article and rebuild or repair the same as they shall think proper.

And the Meeting was dissolved

Attest. H. Woods T. Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Sutton and Grafton this third day of September A.D. 1835. met agreable to notice given by the Selectmen of Sutton being the most ancient town for the purpose of preambulating and running the lines and renewing the marks between our said towns and having attended that service make return as follows viz

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Sutton being a monument in the Blackstone river on the west side thence up said River as it now runs to a monument on the east side of said river near Moses Sherman, thence westerly by house formerly owned by Nathan Hancock to a monument in Clark Brown's land it being a corner of the town of Grafton, thence northerly to a Stake and Stones in Stephen Holbrook's land near Stephen Holbrook's House it being a corner of the Town of Millbury.

Dated at Sutton the third day of Sept. A.D. 1835.

Benjamin Woodbury
Origen Harback
} Selectmen of Sutton.

Pardon Aldrich
Nathan Hancock
Oliver M. Brigham
} Selectmen of Grafton.

A Copy. Attest. H. Woods T. Clerk

(L. S.) Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester .. .. .. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in Grafton on Monday the ninth day of November next at one O'clock in the afternoon being the second Monday of said Month, To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for Six Senators on one ballot for the district of Worcester for the year ensuing.

Also to act on the following articles.

1st. To determine the number of Representatives said Town will choose for the present year.

2d. To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in the centre of said Town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place

of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and seals this twenty second day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

Pardon Aldrich
Jon.a Warren
Charles Aldrich
Nathan Hancock
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. November 9th 1835.

Pursuant to the within Warrant. I have notified the said inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, to meet at the within time and place by posting up attested copies of said Warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town nine days before the date hereof.

Charles Prentice Constable of Grafton.

A. Copy. Attest. H. Wood T. Cler.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections held at the Town Hall in said Town on the ninth day of November A.D. 1835. pursuant to warning, the whole number of votes given in for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Six Senators on one ballot, were sorted counted, recorded and declaration thereof, made as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons viz.

For Gov. — { Edward Everett, Two hundred nine votes
Marcus Morton, One hundred Seventy votes

For Lieut. Gov — { George Hull, Two hundred nine votes.
William Foster, One hundred Seventy two votes.

For Senators.

Charles Allen, Two hundred five votes.
Linus Child Two hundred five votes.
Ethan A. Greenwood, Two hundred five votes.
Waldo Flint. Two hundred one votes.
Charles Hudson. Two hundred votes.
Alexander De. Witt one hundred Seventy three votes.
John Spurr. One hundred Seventy three votes.
Joseph Thayer one hundred seventy two votes.
Nathaniel Rand. One hundred Seventy one votes.
John Boyenton One hundred Seventy two votes.
Charles Sibley One hundred Seventy two votes.
Charles Rupell Two hundred and one votes.

Adjourned to tomorrow Nov. 10th. 1835 at nine o' clock A.M. for the purpose of choosing Representatives.

Attest. H. Wood T. Cler.

November 10th. 1835. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 9th Inst. voted to choose one Representative for the current year — and by Ballot chose Royal Keith.

Attest. H. Wood T. Cler.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Grafton & Northbridge this day met agreable to notice given by the Selectmen of Grafton that being the most ancient town, for the purpose of perambulating and running the lines & renewing the marks between the said towns & having attended that service make the following return (viz) Beginning at a Monument in the Blackstone River & on the west side being a corner bound between Sutton & Grafton, thence South Easterly to a monument near the Thomas Bowen House formerly occupied by Nathan Jackson, it being a corner bound of the Town of Upton.

Northbridge Nov. 21st. 1835.

Jon^a Warren } Selectmen of
Charles Aldrich } Grafton.

Charles Bowen } Selectmen of
Jacob Adams } Northbridge.

A. Copy. Attest H. Wood T. Clerk.

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton
L.S. in the County of Worcester, —— Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the 7th Day of March at 12. O. Clock at noon to act on the following articles; ——

1st. To Choose all necessary town Officers for the year ensuing.
2nd. To hear the Anuel report of the Selectmen and to act thereon. ——
3rd. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same. ——
4th. To determine the manner of repairing the high ways and Town ways and Bridges the year ensuing
5th. To see if the town will restrain horses, neat Cattle, and swine from running at large within the limits of the town the year ensuing. ——
6th. To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer. —
7th. To bring in their Votes for a Register of Deeds. —
8th. To see if the Town will make a new division of the School Money so that the school districts may receive their proportion of money according to their number of scholars, or act thereon as they may think proper, —
9th To see if the town will permit a part of the Towns Common to be enclosed by a fence to remain framed in the form of Elipse, round the Centre not exceeding Sixteen rods

long north and south, and and eight rods wide east and west, with proper pass ways across the said enclosure for foot passengers, – in consideration that Inhabitants find the materials, put up the same free of expence to said Town and sink a good well for water in the enclosure for the use of its Inhabitants in cases of fire – –

10th. To see if the town will choose an agent to defen all suits that may be brought against said Town the year ensuing; – or act thereon as they may think proper – – – –

11th. To see what measures the Town will take to widen and level a piece of Road leading to Shrewsbury and north of the Depot, or act thereon as they may think proper. –

12th To see if the Town will Vote to make a new school district to include the followeng persons and their families to wit, Stephen Holbrook, Charles Daniels, Oliver M. Brigham and the families in the House near said Brigham – Aaron Fay, Otis Converse and Porter P. Gifford and choose a committee to define the limits of the new district and apportion anew among several school Districts in said Town, the money raised for schooling agreeable to Petition of Otis Converse and Others, –

13th To Accept Town debts. – – –

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies there of at each of the Public Muting houses in the Centre of said Town Nine days at least before the time for holding said muting

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of muting aforesaid. –

Given under our hands and Seal this twenty third day of Feb.y. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, –

Pardon Aldrich
Charles Aldrich
Nathan Hancock
Oliver M. Brigham
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. March 7th. 1836.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, to meet at the within time and place by posting up an attested copy of said Warrant at each of the public muting houses in the Centre of said Town nine days before the date hereof.

Charles Prentice Constable of Grafton

A. copy
Attest Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk,

At the annual Meting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March, A.D. 1836. pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had. Viz.,

Art. 1. By ballot Chose Joseph Bruce Moderator.

" " " Oliver N. Brigham
" " " Nathan Hancock
" " " Chandler M. Pratt
" " " Joseph Adams
" " " Luther Wright

} Selectmen

" " " Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk. Sworn March 12. 1836
" " " Isaac W. Wood Town Treasurer, Sworn May 21. 1836

Adjourned to Monday March 14th at one O. Clock P.M.

Attest, Charles Prentiss T. Clerk.

Oliver N. Brigham
Nathan Hancock
Joseph Adams.
Luther Wright.
Chandler M. Pratt.

} Sworn March 7. 1836.

Sworn.

March 14th 1836. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the seventh day of March Currant. proceeded as follows. viz, . — . — . — . —

By ballot. Chose Austin Holbrook } appeared & Sworn
" " " Phillip Wing } Assessors. " & Sworn
" " " Luke Leland } " & Sworn

" " " Isaac W. Wood } Constables.
" " " Charles Prentiss } Sworn.

" " " John Wilde. — }
" " " Rufus A. Johnson } General School
" " " George N. Sibley. } Committee

Art 7. By ballot. voted
For Register of Deeds. } Artemas Ward thirty four votes.
} A. Ward. fifty three votes.

Art 6. By ballot voted
For County Treasurer } A. Chase, — Fifty eight votes.
} Anthoney Chase Six votes. —

By vote Chose, Isaac W. Wood. Collector of Taxes who appeared and was Sworn May 21. 1836.
Attest C. Prentiss T. Clerk

Voted to choose the remainder of the Town Officers by hand vote.

By vote chose Samuel Hall Sworn June 8. 1836.
" " " David White
" " " Lawson Monyon Sworn March 16. 1836
" " " Benjamin Goddard Sworn March 16. "
" " " Timothy H. Meriam Sworn Apl. 1. 1836
" " " George W. Smith Sworn March 16th. "
" " " Robert Lathe.
" " " Charles Brigham Sworn March 25th "
" " " Sumner E. Stow
" " " James S. Lathe
" " " David Farnum Affirmed. Mar. 16. "
" " " Holland Grunwood

} Highway Surveyors and Collectors of Taxes.-

" " " Charles Brigham Sworn Mar 25. 1836 } Fence Viewers
" " " Aaron Holms }
" " " Isaac W. Wood Sealer of Leather
" " " Phillip Wing } Surveyors of Lumber
" " " Calvin Clisby }
" " " Samuel Hall Sealer of weights & Measures

" " " Samuel F. Redding }
" " " Noah Kimball } Measurers
" " " Benjamin F. Herrick } of
" " " Samuel Houghton } Wood.
" " " Timothy H. Meriam Sworn Apl. 1. }
" " " Calvin Taft }
" " " Samuel Harrington }

" " " Solomon Monroe } Field
" " " Horatio N. Monroe Sworn Mar. 16th } Drivers

" " " Samuel Dispeau Pound Keeper

" " " Daniel Cutler }
" " " Palmer Goulding } Tythingmen
" " " Samuel Hall }

" " " Benjamin F. Herrick }
Ebenezer Aldrich }
Samuel A Knox. } Hogreeves
Jeremiah B. Mason }
Nathan T. Dow. }
Charles Meriam }

Art. 2. Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen.
Art. 3 voted to grant the sum of two thousand Dollars to defray Town charges the current Year, — — — — —

Voted to grant the sum of Thirteen hundred and eighty Dollars. together with the Intenst of the school fund. and the sum from the Commonwealth for schooling the present year. Five hundred Dollars for Summer schools. and the remainder of the grant for winter Schools.

Voted to grant the sum of Twelve hundred and fifty dollars. for the repair of highways and Bridges the current year. and to allow for man one dollar and twenty five cents for ten hours. called a day and for Oxen one dollar a day. Tools are left discretionary with the Surveyors.

Art. 5. Voted to restrain the running at large of horses, neat cattle and swine the present year.

Art. 8. Voted to pass over this article for the present.

Art. 9. Voted to pass over this article for the present.

Art. 10. Jonathan Whipple was Chosen agent to attend to all Suits that may be brought against Said Town the current year.

Art. 11. Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to act on this article as they think proper.

Art. 12. By vote Chose

Joseph Bruce
Austin Holbrook
Moses Roberts
Rupell Wheelock
Thaddeus Read.
Luther Wright
Benjamin Kingsbury
Joseph Adams.
Joseph Batchilder

} School committee for the division of the School money

Adjourned to Monday the fourth day of April next at three O. Clock P.M.

Attst Charles Prentice T. Clr.

The Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton beg leave to exhibit the following report of the expenses of year ending on the first Monday of March 1836. including certain expenses of the preceding year not before drawn for. — . — .

Paid for Repairing Bridges & Highways exclusive of highway taxes. — . — . — . — . — .		87.06
" " for schooling		1161.75
" " Ringing Bell . . .		14.03
" " Support of Paupers on Town farm. as also those supported otherwise. .		520.91
" " General School Committee Services for 1834		21.50
" " Solomon L. Prentice for services. — "		275.00
" " Books for Children destitute of same —		1.58
" " Trunk for use of Town Treasurer —		5.00
" " Measuring Roads — . —		3.50
" " Expenses of Centenial Celebration . —		82.45
" " Wood for Town Hall and sweeping same		2.84
" " Collecting taxes for the year 1834. .		78.94
" " Do. Do. " do. " 1835.		69.49
	$	2324.05

The Selectmen further report that they have settled with the Treasurer and his account stands as follows -

Dr. To balance on hand last year exclusive of school notes - . — . .		420.84
To amount of taxes committed to Isaac W. Wood Collector for 1835. . . .		3474.94
" Interest on school notes To March D. 1836		60.00
" Amt. received for maintainance of State Paupers for 1834. — . — . — .		83.72
" Rent of Town Hall . — . . —		20.00
" For produce sold from Town farm . —		82.76
" Sale of Maps and work done by Paupers.		29.47
" Cash rec. of the Boston Savings Institution and for which the Treasurers note was given. —		1000.00
	$	8171.73

Town Treasurer in account — Cr.		
By orders paids the Selectmen		2320.80
" Cash " Committee Note to Charles Brigham given him as part of Purchase Town Farm and Interest on same. —		1272.00
" " " " To Benjamin Kingsbury and Int on same . . .		2000.24
" " " Note to Daniel Waldo and Interest on same — . — . — . — .		612.20
" " " Doct. Rivers Blood bill for Medical attendance and Midwife " — "		20.29
" " " for sink orders. . .		35.97
carried on	$	6261.50

Brought up . . .	6261.50
By cash paid County Treasurer- County tax	422.70
" " " Discount on taxes . — . — . —	80.03
" " " Interest on note to Moses Adams	33.93
" " "	6798.16
Balance carried to new account.	1373.57
	$ 8171.73

Balance Brot from old account,	1373.57
School notes Interest Interest cast up to March 2d 1836. — . — . — . —	1000.00
	$ 2373.57

All of which is most respectfully submitted. —

Pardon Aldrich
Jon^a Warren
Charles Aldrich
Nathan Hancock
Oliver M, Brigham
} Selectmen of Grafton

To Charles Prentiss, Constable of the Town of Grafton Greeting. —

S.S.

The following is a list of those persons who were this day chosen into Office at a meeting of the inhabitants of said Town, and of whom an Oath is by Law required, viz. — . —

Austin Holbrook. Phillip Wing. & Luke Leland. Assessors. —
Isaac W. Wood. Collector & Treasurer. & Constable &c. — . —
Samuel Hall. David White Lawson Monyon. Benjamin Goddard Jim^a H. Miriams. George W. Smith. Robert Lathe. Charles Brigham. Sumner C. Stow. James S. Lathe David Farnum. & Holland Grunwood. Highway Surveyors. —
Charles Brigham & Aaron Holmes, fence viewers — —
Phillip Wing & Calvin Clisby, Surveyors of Lumber. —
Samuel Hall. Sealer of weights & measures — —
Samuel F. Redding. Noah Kimball, Benjamin F. Herrick, Samuel Houghton. Calvin Taft. Timothy H. Miriams, Samuel Harrington, Wood Measurers. —
Solomon Monroe. — Horatio N. Monroe. Field Drivers. —
Samuel Dispeau. Pound Keeper. Daniel Cutler — Palmer Goulding & Samuel Hall, Tithingmen — —
Benjamin F Herrick, Ebenezer Aldrich. Samuel A. Knox — Jeremiah B. Mason. Nathan T. Dow and Charles Miriams — Hogreves. — . — . — . — .

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, within three days from the date hereof. to notify and summon each of the said persons to appear before the Clerk of said Town within seven days from the time you shall give such notice, to take

the oath by law prescribed, to the Offices unto which they are respectively Chosen, Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings Thereon, — within ten days from the date hereof. —

Given under our hands and seals this fourteenth day of March A. D. 1836. —

Oliver M. Brigham
Nathan Hancock
Chandler M. Pratt
Joseph Adams — } Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss,

Pursuant to the within Warrant. I have notified the within named for the purpose within mentioned excepting Apart of the hog reeve & Holland Grunwood highway surveyor. —.

March 23rd. 1836. Charles Prentice Constable of Grafton

A. Copy.

Attest Charles Prentice, T. Clerk.

April 4th. 1836. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 14th day of March last, the following further proceedings were had, viz. —

Voted to accept	Thaddeus Reads acct.		$16.54
" " "	Charles Aldrich	"	5.04
" " "	Jon.a Whipple	"	38.82
" " "	Phillip Wing	"	16.00
" " "	Solomon Prentice	"	13.22
" " "	Arvin Thompson	"	2.25
" " "	Isaac W. Wood	"	3.50
" " "	Robert W. Latte	"	10.00
" " "	Austin Holbrook	"	18.00
" " "	Isaac W. Wood	"	4.37
" " General School Committee		"	12.00
" " "	Isaac W. Wood. —	"	8.00
" " "	Samuel Hall. —	"	6.05
" " "	Samuel Hall —	"	5.00

Art. 1. " " " the school committees report in the division of the school money. — . — . — . —

Voted to excuse Holland Grunwood as highway surveyor. — . — . —

By vote chose Joseph Willard highway surveyor in place of Holland Grunwood, —. .

And the Meting was dissolved. —

Attest. Charles Prentice. T. Clerk,

Emory Turner appeared and was sworn to the faithfull discharge of his office as sealer of Weights and Measures for the Current year July 18th. 1836. —— Attest Charles Prentice T. Clerk,

To Charles Prentice, Clerk of the Town of Grafton, This is to certify that all the lands of the several non-resident owners that are assessed in said Grafton to the several proprietors shall be considered belonging to and liable to be taxed in the several school Districts as follows, to wit.

District No 1. Charles Chandler of Pomfret. Con.
Phinehas Bemis " Dudley
District No 2. John Slater " Webster
Jacob Adams " Northbridge
Alexander Rice " Do
Aurelius Crosby " Smithfield R. Island
Josiah Dodge " Sutton
James Mc. Gillen " Do

District No 3. Thomas N. Baker " Upton
Enoch Batcheller " Do
Samuel Sadler " Do
Betsy Taft " Do
Lebi Batcheller Guardian
for Adams B. Taft " Do
John Putnam " Do
Betsy Holmes " Hopkinton
Christopher C. Holmes " Holliston
William Legg Guardian
for Jothum Taft " Upton
District No 4. Benjamin Nurse " Westboro
John R. Fay " Do
Joshua Mellen & David P. Mann " Do
Joseph Davis " Northboro
Reuben Stratton " Athol
District No 6. Moses Adams " Sutton
Oliver Adams " Do
Mark Batcheller " Do
Abner Cooper " Do
Peter Farnum " Boston
John Fowler & Charles Bowen " Northbridge
Thomas Bowen " Do
Aaron Sherman " Westboro
John Johnson " Framingham
Charles Preston " Charlton

District No 8.
Isaac Ruggles " Westboro
Lydia M. Hayden " Do
Moses Hayden " Do
Joanna Stanford " Boston
Rufus H. Leisure " Providence, R. I.

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District No. 9. James Harrington of Worcester
Asa Waters " Millbury
Jonas Hastings " Do.
John N. King " Pelham
Paris Richmond " Smithfield, R. I.

Given under our hands at Grafton this 28th day of October A. D. 1836.

Austin Holbrook
Philip Wing
Luke Leland
} Assessors of the Town of Grafton

A. Copy

Attst Charles Prentice T. Clr,

The committee chosen by the Town of Grafton to take into consideration the subject of making a new division of school money, and apportioning the same among the several Districts in said town, have attended to that duty, and report that the following alteration ought to be made, viz.,

No 1.	—	15. per cent.
" 2.	—	10.
" 3.	—	8 3/4
" 4.	—	9
" 5.	—	9
" 6.	—	13
" 7.	—	8
" 8.	—	8 3/4
" 9.		18 1/2
		100.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Joseph Bruce
Moses Roberts
Thaddeus Read
Joseph Adams
Russell Wheelock
Benjamin Kingsbury
Luther Wright
Joseph Batchelder
} Committee

A. Copy

Attst Charles Prentice T. Clr,

We the subscribers Selectmen of Grafton and Upton have this tenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, met agreeable to notice given by Selectmen of Grafton that being the most ancient Town for the purpose of Perambulating and running the lines and renewing the marks between our said Towns and having attended that service make returns as follows.

Begining at stake and stones at the corner of Northbridge and Upton, thence to stake and stones at the corner of Royal Keith pasture, thence to the corner of Reuben Wood Jr. and Thomas Baker Meadow thence to the corner of the late Moses C. Heydon Sand near the trout hole so called thence East accroft the road to stake and stones to Ward Baker and Francis Hager and Silas Forbush Sand, thence north to a Monument at the Westborough corner at Sand owned by Daniel Stow and Joseph Merriam.

Grafton September 10. 1836.

Nathan Hancock } Selectmen of
Luther Wright } Grafton

Elijah Warren } Selectmen of
Jonathan Nelson 2d } Upton

A Copy
Attest Charles Prentice T. Cler,

This certifies that we the subscribers have this 22d day of Sept. perambulated the line and examined the Monuments between the Towns of Shrewsbury & Grafton.

Shrewsbury Sept. 22d 1836.

Adam Harrington } Selectmen of
Prescott Brigham } Shrewsbury

Oliver N. Brigham } Selectmen of
Chandler N. Pratt } Grafton

A Copy
Attest
Charles Prentice T. Cler,

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To Charles Prentice. Constable of the Town of Grafton
Greeting

L.S. The following is a list of those persons who were this day chosen into office at a meeting of the inhabitants of said Town and of whom an oath is by Law required viz. Austin Holbrook. Phillip Wing & Luke Leland Assessors. Isaac W. Wood. Collector & Treasurer & Constable. Samuel Hall. David White, Lawson Monyon, Benj.a Goddard, Timothy H. Meriam, George W. Smith, Robert Lathe, David Farnum. Charles Brigham. Sumner E. Stow, James S. Lathe & Holland Grunwood. — Highway Surveyors. — Charles Brigham & Aaron Holmes, fence viewers, Phillip Wing & Calvin Tisby Surveyors of Lumber. Samuel Hall. Sealer of Weights & Measures. Samuel F. Redding. Noah Kimball Benjamin F. Herrick, Samuel Houghton, Calvin Taft. Tim.s H. Meriam, Samuel Harrington — Wood measurers, Solomon Munroe. Horatio N. Munroe. Field drivers. Samuel Dispeau Pound Keeper, Daniel Cutler. Palmer Goulding & Samuel Hall Tythingmen, Benjamin F Herrick. Ebenezer Aldrich. Sam.l A. Knox — Jeremiah B. Mason Nathan T. Dow, and Charles Meriam, Hogreaves. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. within three days from the date hereof, to notify and summon each of the said persons to appear before the Clerk of said Town within seven days from the time you shall give such notice. to take the Oath by law prescribed to the offices into which they are respectively Chosen. —

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon. within ten days from the date hereof — Given under our hands and seals this fourteenth day of March. A. D. 1836.

Oliver M Brigham
Nathan Hancock
Chandler M. Pratt
Joseph Adams. — } Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester. ss.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified the within named. for the purpose within Mentioned excepting a part of the hogreaves and Holland Grunwood. highway Surveyor March 23d 1836. — —

Charles Prentice Constable of Grafton

A. Copy
Attest Charles Prentice T. Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

L.S.] To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. — — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in Grafton on Monday the fourteenth day of November next at twelve O. Clock at noon being the second Monday of said Month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth. and for six Senators on one ballot for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing. Also at the same place to give in their votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States pursuant to an act directing the mode of Choosing Electors, pass'd March 24th. 1832. Also to give in their votes for a Representative in the twenty fifth. Congress of the united States for the fifth District. Also to bring in their votes by ballott to the Selectmen for or against the proposed article of Amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth for the reduction of Representatives to General Court.

Also to Act on the following Articles. Viz,

1st. To determine the Number of Representatives said Town will Choose for the present year. —

2d. To Choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. —

And you are directed to notify the inhabitants above named to meet on said day and at the place above named at four O. clock in the after noon then & there to act on the following articles. —

1st To Choose a high way surveyor in the District where Robert Lathe was Chosen and during Serving —

2d. To see if the Town will cause their Valuations and Taxes to be recorded and provide some suitable Chest for the more safe Keeping. or act thereon as they may think proper

3d To see if the Town will cause to be purchased a new Harness for their horse.

4th To Accept Town Debts. —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in the Center of said Town nine days at least before the time for holding said Meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves, given under our hands and Seals this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six. —

Oliver N. Brigham
Nathan Hancock
Chandler N. Pratt
Joseph Adams
Luther Wright
} Selectmen of Grafton Mass.

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Worcester ss. November 14th 1836.
Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the said inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, to meet at the within time and place, by posting up an attested copy of said warrant at each of the Public meting Houses in the Centre of said Town nine days before the date here of. —

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton

A. copy
Attest. Charles Prentice T. Cler, —

At a legal meting of the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections. held on the fourteenth Day of November being the second Monday in said month A. D. 1836. for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Governor & Lieutenant Governor. and for six senators on one ballot. Also to give in their Votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. Also to give in their Votes for a Representative in the Twenty fifth Congress of the United States, the whole number of Votes given in for Governor & Lieutenant Governor. were sorted Counted recorded and declaration there of made as by the Constitution is directed. and were for the following persons. —

For Governor { Edward Everett Two hundred seventy Votes
Marcus Morton One hundred seventy one Votes

For Lieutenant Governor. { George Hall Two hundred seventy Votes
William Foster One hundnd seventy one Votes

The whole number of Votes given in for Senators. were also sorted Counted recorded and declaration there of made, and were for the following persons.

For Charles Hudson Two hundred sixty nine Votes
" Charles Rupsell Two hundnd sixty nine Votes
" Charles Allen Two hundnd sixty nine Votes
" Linus Child Two hundnd sixty nine Votes
" Ethan A. Greenwood Two hundnd sixty nine Votes
" William Hancock. Two hundred sixty nine Votes
" Alexander De Witt One hundnd seventy one Votes
" John Spurr. — One hundnd seventy one Votes
" Joseph Knot One hundnd seventy one Votes
" Sullivan Sumner. One hundnd seventy one Votes
" Nathaniel Wood One hundnd seventy one Votes
" Charles Sibley. One hundnd seventy one Votes.

The whole number of Votes given in for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States were also sorted counted recorded and. —

declaration there of made, and were for the following persons.

For Electors at Large

Nathaniel Silsbee	Two hundred thirty nine.	Votes
Edward A Newton	Two hundred thirty nine	Votes.
Nathan Willis	one hundred fifty six	Votes
Seth Whitmarsh.	one hundred fifty six	Votes

Districts.

No. 1.	Samuel Hopkinton.	Two hundred thirty nine	votes
" 2.	Leverett Saltonstall	Two hundred thirty nine	votes
" 3.	Benjamin Walker	Two hundred thirty nine	votes
" 4.	Ioammi Baldwin	Two hundred thirty nine	votes
" 5.	Joseph G. Kendall	Two hundred thirty nine	votes
" 6.	Samuel Lee	Two hundred thirty nine	votes
" 7.	Thomas Longley	Two hundred thirty nine	votes
" 8.	Isaac C. Bates	Two hundred thirty nine	votes
" 9.	Bezaleel Taft Jr.	Two hundred thirty nine	votes
" 10.	Howard Lothrop	Two hundred thirty nine	votes
" 11.	Charles W. Morgan	Two hundred thirty nine	votes
" 12.	Charles I. Holmes	Two hundred thirty nine	votes

Also for Electors Districts.

No. 1.	Caleb Eddy	one hundred fifty six	votes
" 2.	Robert Rantoul	one hundred fifty six	votes
" 3.	Joseph Kettridge	one hundred fifty six	votes
" 4.	Francis Tuttle	one hundred fifty six	votes
" 5.	Samuel Taylor	one hundred fifty six	votes
" 6.	Samuel C. Allen	one hundred fifty six	votes
" 7.	Joseph Filch	one hundred fifty six	votes
" 8.	Harvey Chapin	one hundred fifty six	votes
" 9.	Benj. D. Williams	one hundred fifty six	votes
" 10.	Nathan C. Brownell.	one hundred fifty six	votes
" 11.	Thomas Mandell	one hundred fifty six	votes
" 12.	Jabez P. Thompson.	one hundred fifty six	votes

The whole number of votes given in for a Representative in the twenty fifth Congress for the fifth District, were sorted, counted recorded, and declaration there of made, and were for the following persons viz.

For Levi Lincoln Two hundred fifty one votes
" Jubal Harrington One hundred sixty six votes

The whole number of votes given in for and against the Amendment of the Constitution were also sorted, counted recorded and declaration there of made and were as follows.

Yeas. Two hundred forty six. Votes. —
Nays. Thirteen. —————— Votes. —

Attest, Charles Prentiss T. Cler,

The Inhabitants aforesaid at the time and place aforesaid voted to choose one Representative to Represent them in the General Court aforesaid,

Art 2. By Ballot. Chose Oliver M. Brigham.
Attest. Charles Prentice T. Cler.

At a Town muting held on the same day pursuant to warning. the following further proceedings were had. viz.
By Ballot. Chose. Oliver M Brigham Moderator
Art 1. By vote Chose Austin Holbrook highway Surveyor in place of Robert Lathe. who declens'd Serving.
Art 2. " " Chose Austin Holbrook
Phillip Wing
Luke Leland
Charles Prentice
Joseph Brown. } Committee to procure a Chest for the more safe Keeping the Valuations and records of Taxes & for the Recording the same.
Art 3. voted the Selectmen to procure a new harness for their Hearse.

voted to accept Ezra K. Pratt aut.	$ 5.00
" " " Samuel F. Redding aut.	7.25

And the muting was dispolved.
Attest Charles Prentice T. Cler.

We the subscribers, of Grafton & Westborough, have this 19th Decem: A D. 1836 met agreable to notice given by the Selectmen of Westborough. being the most ancient Town. for the purpose of perambulating the line between our said Towns. and having attended that Service, make return as follows. Viz. Beginning at a Stake erected at the Corner of Upton & Westborough on Grafton line. thence N. 1¼° W. four hundred & Sixty three rods to a Stone erected on Benj.ⁿ Nurses land. thence S. 87.° W. three hundred & fifty two rods to a Stone erected at a Corner thence N. 51¼° W. Thirty three rods to a Stone erected at an angle. thence N. 15¼° E. twenty rods to a Stone erected at an angle. thence N. 8¼° W. eighteen rods to a Stone erected at an angle. thence N 28¼° W thirty eight rods to a Stone erected at an angle on the North side of the road thence N. 21¼° E seventy rods to a Stone erected at an angle in the Wall. thence crosing the Rail road N. 45.° W thirty one rods to a Stone erected at a corner of Grafton, Shrewsbury, & Westborough. Dated this 19th Decem.r A D. 1836.

Nahum Fisher, Gardner Cloyes } Appointed by the Selectmen of Westborough
Joseph Adams } Selectmen of Grafton

A true Copy
Attest Charles Prentice T. Cler.

[L.S.] Worcester ss.

To Charles Prentice Constable of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester; — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections, and in Town affairs to Met at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the 6th. day of March next, at 12. O. Clock at noon, to act on the following articles, viz, —

1. To Choose a Moderator of said meting
2. To Choose all necessary Town offices for the year ensuing,
3. To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer,
4. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
5. To raise such Sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schooling, and to defray all other necessary Town charges for the year ensuing.
6. To raise money for the repair of high-ways, town-ways and Bridges the ensuing year, and to see what Method the Town will adopt in laying out the same.
7. To see if the Treasurer shall be Collector of Taxes. and if so to determine his compensation, and the abatements to be made on taxes paid within thirty. sixty and one hundred and Twenty days.
8. To see if the Town will restrain, Horses. neat Cattle and Swine from running at large within the Town the ensuing year.
9. To see if the Town will vote to annex Solomon Carriel to School District No. 1. or act thereon as they shall think proper.
10. To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon.
11. To see if the Town will vote to pay the expense of laying out and inclosing the Burying Ground at Farnums Ville or act thereon as they shall think proper.
12. To see if the Town will build or cause to be Built. a suitable Building for the purpose of a high school or Academy. or act thereon as they shall think proper.
13. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to view the alterations. made in the highways and Bridges in the Town of Grafton. by the Boston and Worcester Rail Road Corporation.
14. To accept Town Debts.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by Posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meting Houses in the centre of said Town ten days at least before the time for holding said meting.

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant with your

doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of holding said meting. — Given under our hands and seal this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven; —

Oliver M. Brigham
Nathan Hancock
C. M. Pratt
Joseph Adams
Luther Wright
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. March 6th. 1837.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, to meet at the within time and place by posting up an attested copy of said warrant at each of the Public meting-houses in the centre of said Town ten days before the date hereof.

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton

A true Copy Attest. Charles Prentice Town Clerk

At the annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the sixth day of March A.D. 1837. pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had, viz, —

Art. 1. By Ballot Chose Joseph Bruce Moderator of said Meting

Art. 2 " " " Oliver M. Brigham
Charles Brigham Junr.
Joseph Adams.
Luther Wright
Silas Forbush Junr.
} Selectmen for the Current year. who appeared on the same day & were sworn to the faithfull discharge of the duties of their offices. — —

" " " Charles Prentice, Town Clerk. } who appeared and was sworn to the faithfull discharge of his duties March 13th 1837 before me. Chs Brigham Jr } Justice of peace
" " " Isaac W. Wood Town Treasurer.

" " " Luke Leland } Sworn May 2. 1837.
" " " Chandler M. Pratt } Assessors. — Sworn May 4. 1837.
Benjamin Kingsbury } Sworn March 18. 1837.

" " " Charles Prentice } Constables who was sworn March 13th 1837 before me Chs. Brigham Jr } Justice of peace
Matthias Felton —

Voted to take up the 3rd Article.

Art. 3rd. For bounty Treasurer — — — } Anthoney Chase had Eighty votes. —

and Adjourned to Monday the 13th day of March Current at 1. o. clock P.M. Attest Charles Prentice, T. Clerk,

March 13th. 1837. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the sixth day of March Current, the following further proceedings were had, viz. ——————

voted to excuse Mathias Fellon, from serving as Constable the Current year. —

Art 2nd. By Ballot Chose James S. Green. Constable for the present year, in stead of Mathias Fellon.

Worcester. ss. March 13. 1837. then personally appeared James S. Green and made oath in due form of law to the faithful discharge of his duties as Constable Before me. Charles Brigham Jr. Justice of the Peace.
A. Copy Attest. Charles Prentice. T. Cler. —

" By Ballot. Chose. Revd. Rufus A. Johnson, Revd. John Jennings, George N. Sibley. } General School Committee. —

voted to Choose the remainder of the Town Officers by hand vote. —

By vote Chose Lovel Baker. Sworn may 8. 1837.
Rufus Prentice Sworn march 15. 1837.
Nathaniel Smith Sworn march 18. 1837.
Benjamin W. Fay Sworn June 13. 1837.
Otis Adams Sworn June 16. 1837
April 13 Sworn. Ebenezer Leland Jun. } Highway Surveyors.
Esek Saunders Sworn may 15. 1837.
Albert Stone Sworn June 9. 1837
Joseph Flagg Sworn march 15. 1837.
Joel Knowlton Sworn May 16. 1837.
George N. Sibley Sworn March 18. 1837.
Elijah Kimball Sworn March 20. 1837.

" vote Chose Charles Brigham, Joseph Batchelder } Fence viewers

" " " Liberty Wood. Sealer of Leather.

" " " William G. Morse, Horatio N. Munroe } Sworn March. 20. 1837. Surveyors of Lumber

" " " Luther Wright, Jonathan Luther, John W. Slocomb, Henry T. Grout — Measurers of Wood Sworn March 20. 1837.
David White Sworn March 20. 1837
Samuel F. Redding Sworn March 21. 1837.
Liberty Wood.

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By vote Chose Gardner Gibson } Sworn march 17. 1837.
" " " Willard S. Wood. } Field Drivers

" " " Sumner Dunsmoor. Pound Keper

" " " George Buffington } Tythingmen
Gardner Gibson. }

" " " Charles Perry
Calvin Perry
Samuel B. Flagg
George W. Hall
Stephen Adams } Hogreaves.

Art. 4. voted to accept the report of the Selectmen.

Art. 5. voted to Grant the sum of Thirteen hundred and eighty dollars together with the Interest of the school fund, and the amount that comes from the Commonwealth, one third of the grant for Summer Schools, and the remaining two-thirds is for winter Schools, the same as the last year.

voted to Grant the sum of Twelve hundred Dollars to defray Town charges the Current year.

Art. 6. voted to grant the Sum of Twelve hundred and fifty dollars, for the repairs of highways, Town-ways and Bridges, the Current year, and to allow for man and team the same as last year, viz. one dollar and twenty five cents a day for man and one dollar for Oxen, and Tools left discretionary with the Surveyors.

voted. That all the high-way Taxes shall be worked out by the 20th day of September next. and those Taxes that remain unpaid at that time shall be returned to the Assessors, and they are to return them to the Collector of Taxes.

Art. 7. voted To appoint the Town Treasurer Collector of Taxes the ensuing year. And allow To those who pay in 30 days 60 days & 120 days the same as allowed in the year 1833. and the same for collecting. 2 per cent for his services.

Art. 8. voted to restrain Horses, Neat Cattle and Swine from running at large in the Town the ensuing year.

Art. 9. voted to Choose a Committee of three to view the lines and to see the expediency of the alteration in this article.

By vote Chose Royal Keith. Pardon Aldrich and Jonathan Wheler. a Committee.

Art 11. Voted to accept the account in this article on condition the Heirs of Peter Farnum give a Deed of the land to the Town of Grafton. —

Art 10. Voted to pass over this article for the present. and adjourned this meeting to the first Monday in April next at this place at 1 O'Clock P.M.

Attest Charles Prentice T. Clr.

Statement of the expenses of the poor supported by the Town of Grafton the year ending March the 1st 1837.

Cost of Farm.	3086.73	Sold from Farm one yoke Oxen	134.38
Stock & furniture	430.78	Produce sold from farm	135.53
	$ 3517.51	Work of the Paupers	49.85
Interest on the amount is	211.05	Work of Mr Prentice	4.00
Mr Prentices Salary	300.00	Produce on hand More	
Boat yoke of Oxen	48.00	than last year. —	62.84
Two Cows for Beef	51.50	for 6 Calves sold.	33.18
D. Jourdons Meat Bill	31.41	850 ft. of Lumber sold	12.81
Sam[l] Hall Blacksmith bill	6.10	1775 ½ Straw Cord	8.87
Store Bills.	75.14	Sundry Store Credits	55.79
for help at haying	29.00	receive for State paupers	84.37
Flour. Corn and other			$ 581.62
necessary articles	51.48	Account of Paupers Supported	
for pair pantaloons and Shoe leather	6.00	off Farm. Viz.	
Due for Corn	8.41	Wd Betsey Flagg	20.00
Doctor Bill	6.00	Do Catherine Whipple	23.37
	$ 824.09	Do Ruth Davis	26.00
No. of works	581.62	Ellen Barrett	20.00
468	242.47	Seamard Leland	8.87
		Elmira Brooks family	75.00
			$ 173.24

Cost pr work is, 52 nearly

No works 572.

Cost per works, 31 Cts.

242.47
173.24
Whole $ 415.71 Cost

of Paupers for the year ending March 1. 1837.

The Selectmen Report for the expenses of the Town of Grafton for the year ending March the 1. 1837 as follows.—

For Schooling	$1500.00
Paid Anthoney Chase County Tax	422.70
Paid Interst on note at Boston date April 1. 1835. . . .	200.00
Solomon L Prentiss for Services on poor farm	250.00
Paid Interst on note to Moses Adams 550.	33.00
Paid amount of orders given by the Selectmen for Amounts allowed by the Town	598.68
	$ 3004.38

Resources of the Town are as follows.—

Balance in the Treasury March 1836	2373.57
Amount of Taxes Committed for Collection . . .	3848.80
Cash received for Produce of Pauper farm. . .	53.35
for d°	28.66
Received of State Treasury Share of School funds . .	142.68
Interst on School m. note	60.00
Orders Still due	26.70
	$ 6533.76
	3004.38
In Treasury March 1. 1837. —	$ 3529.38

All of which Respty submitted for your acceptance.—

Selectmen
Grafton

A Copy Attest— Charles Prentiss T. Clerk.

Voted to accept.

April 3rd 1837. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the thirteenth day of March last past the following further proceedings were had. viz. ...

Art 12. Voted to postpone this article indefinitely; ...

Art 13. Voted the selectmen constitute the committee to report on this article; ...

Art 14. Voted to accept the following amounts viz

Madison M. Aldrich	amount	35.00
Luke Leland	"	22.50
David Farnum	"	2.70
Rufus A. Johnson	"	12.00
Austin Holbrook	"	24.73
Phillip Wing	"	22.50
Joseph Adams	"	.75
George N. Sibley	"	10.00
Nathan Hancock	"	2.00
Charles Brigham	"	5.00
Charles Prentiss Assignee to J Batchelder & Kimball		8.14

Voted to choose a committee of five for the purpose of Auditing all accounts that may be presented against said Town. ...

By vote Choose. Calvin Clisbee, Austin Holbrook, Phillip Wing, Luke Leland, Otis Adams, } the Committee

And adjourned this meeting to Monday the 8th day of May next to 3. O'clock P.M. at this place.

Attest Charles Prentiss T. Clerk

Worcester. ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of
45 Grafton in the County of Worcester. —
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to met at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the third day of April next at three O'Clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles: —

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting
2nd To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to receive in deposite, upon such terms and conditions as may be imposed by law, any moneys which the Legislator may authorize or direct the Treasurer and Receiver General of the Commonwealth to deposite with the Town of Grafton, — and if so to see what disposition the Town will make of such moneys; — —
3rd To see if the Town will partition, or cause to be partitioned off, a small room in one corner of their Town Hall, for the convenience of the Selectmen, Assessors and others to transact, business, and deposite their Books, Papers &c. or act thereon as they may think proper, —
4th To see if the Town will cause one of the Societies Bells to be rung the ensuing year at 12. O'Clock, at noon and 9. O'Clock, at night; — — — — — — — — —
5th To see if the Town will pay the expenses of the Sexton in Burying the dead, or act thereon as they may think proper, — — —
6th and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the Public Meeting houses in the Centre of said Town ten days at least before the time for holding said meeting. —

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

Charles Brigham Jr
Joseph Adams
Luther Wright
Silas Forbush Junr.
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester. ss. April 3rd 1837.
Pursuant to the within warrant. I have notified the said inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet at the within time and place by posting up an attested copy of said warrant at each of the Public Meeting houses in the Centre of said Town ten days before the date hereof. Charles Prentice Constable of Grafton

A. Copy. Attest Charles Prentice Town Clerk

At a Legal meting of the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Town on the third day of April A.D. 1837. pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had Viz.

Art 1st By ballot Chose Joseph Brown, Moderator,

Art 2nd Voted that the Town of Grafton receive the surplus agreeable to the Act, read & disputing the same.—
Voted to authorize their Treasury to receive the Deposite Money and to give such security as is required by law
Voted that all the monys to be received from our national Government, through our State Treasury, be Loaned by the Select-men and Treasury of said Town, and their successors in office with satisfactory security on real Estate in sums not exceeding one thousand Dollars each with interest to be paid semi Annually, and appropriated for the support of Town Schools;—

Art 3rd Voted to Choose a Committee of five to view and report on this Article
By vote Chose
Joseph Brown
Nathaniel May
Austin Holbrook
Phillip Wing and
Otis Adams.
} a Committee

Art 5 Voted to Choose a Committee of three to act on this article.——
By vote Chose
Jonathan Wheeler
Joseph Batchelder
Luke Leland
} a Committee

and the meting was adjourned to the second Monday of May next at 5. O'Clock P.M. at this place.—

Attest Charles Prentice, T. Clerk

May 8. 1837 The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the third day of April last past the following further proceedings were had, viz. –

Art. 13. voted to accept the report of the Selectmen a committee to view and report on this article and they say that the Town are to receive no damage made in their roads by the Boston and Worcester Rail Road Corporation for the alterations by them made. –

Art 9. voted to annex to School District No. 1. – according to the committees report

The Subscribers a committee Chosen by the Town of Grafton at their adjourned annual meting held at the Town's Room on the tenth day of March last on the petition of Solomon Carrol and others in regard to his being with his family set from School District No. 4. formerly Farm District, and annexed to School District No. 1. or Center district, report that they have attended that service, and after due deliberation recommend an alteration in part of two of the lines between District No. 1. and No. 4. as follows Beginning at the line between said districts in the center of the roads leading from the late Dwelling house of Samuel Adams by widow Axtell, to Grafton Common, thence running in a direct course north westerly to a corner of an ancient wall on the west side of the road leading from Elijah Brooks' by said Carrol's to Grafton Common, about Twenty seven rods north of the Bridge over the Brook in said road a former bounds between said Districts. said corner of wall being a bounds between the Heirs of the late Samuel Adams Deceased and the Heirs of the late Asa Scott Deceased, thence turns and runs a direct course South westerly to a large Rock in the aforenamed Brook where it unites with the old line between said Districts about ten rods below James T. Leathes Machine Shop and is intended to alter the old lines so far as here described and no further. all which is submitted for the Towns acceptance by your committee Jon a Wheeler
Grafton 8th May 1837. Pardon Aldrich. –

Voted to accept the following amounts Viz

Pardon Aldrich for Perambulating the line between Sutton & Grafton August 1835 1 Day	" 75
Isaac W. Wood for Collecting Taxes for the Year 1836	76. 97
Isaac W Wood for Premium on Money & Expenses	6. 50
Jon a Wheeler acct for wood for the Town .	1. 00

And the Meting was dissolved
Attest.
Charles Prentice, T. Clerk.

May 8. 1837. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the third day of April last past, the following further proceedings were had viz:

Art. 5. voted to accept the report of the Committee on this article

The Committee Chosen at a legal Meting held by the Votable inhabitants of the Town of Grafton on the third day of April last, in regard to the burial of the Dead. Viz; Jonathan Wheller, Joseph Batchelder and Otis Adams, have attended that Service and ask leave to report and recommend that the Town pay the Sexton for diging all Graves through the year. Toling the Bell and making record of the Deceased in a Book furnished by said Town Two Dollars each, and that he charge no more to the friends than one dollar for attending the funeral with the Town Hearse, or Chaise as the case may be and his own horse, he being allowed by the Town one Dollar for his attendance in the burial of all Paupers. — and that No Grave To be dug without notice to the Sexton in future. he To confer with the Selectmen at all times in regard to any departure from these rules or regulations

Jon^a Wheller, { Chairman of said Committee

Art. 3. Voted to indefinitely postpone this article for the present.

And the Meting was dispolved

Attest.

Charles Prentice, T. Cler,

To Charles Prentice, one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton

Greeting,

The following is the name of the person appointed by us as a Sealer of Weights & Measures the present year, and of Whom an oath is by law requred viz. Emory Turner, you are herby requierd in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, within three days from the date hereof to notify and summon the said Turner to appear before the Clerk of said Town within seven days from the time you shall have such notice, to take the oath by law prescribed to the office unto which he is respectfully appointed. —

Given under our hands and Seals this fifteenth day of April A.D. 1837. —

Oliver M. Brigham
Charles Brigham Jun^r
Silas Forbush Jun^r
} Select. —

Worcester ss. pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the within named Emory Turner. and on the 2^d day of June 1837 he was Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty

Charles Prentice Constable of Grafton

A. Copy attest — Charles Prentice T. Cler. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Town of Grafton May 13th 1837.—

we the undersigned, Assessors of the Town of Grafton after having been duly sworn to the faithful performance of that duty, have taken a census of the population of said Town, agreeably to the provisions of an act approved on the 21st day of March last, and the several acts in addition thereto, (not including therein such persons as are especially excepted by the second section of the said Act of 21st of March) and do hereby certify that the whole number of inhabitants actually resident in said Town on the first day of May of the present year was Two thousand nine hundred and ten.—

In testimony of which, we the said Assessors have hereunto subscribed our names.—

Luke Leland
C. N. Pratt
Benja" Kingsbury
} Assessors of the Town of Grafton.

A true Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Grafton March 18th. 1837.

To the Selectmen of Grafton, Whereas by a Vote of the Town passed on the first Monday in March 1835. it has become the duty of every District to Chuse their own prudential Committee. Therefore the undersigned inhabitants of District No. 3. pray you to issue your warrant for a Meeting to that purpose;

Nath[l] Smith
Calvin S Thurston
Jotham W. Taft
Joel Taft.
Eliakim Rice
John Waterman
John P Hayden
Joel Forbush.—

A. Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice, T. Clr,

Worcester, ss.

To Nathaniel Smith, one of the inhabitants of School District No. 3. —

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of School District No. 3. in the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Town affairs, To Met. at the School House in said District on Friday the thirty first day of March at five O. Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, —

1st. To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meting, —

2nd. To Choose all necesary Offiers to transact the busines of said District — . — . —

3d. To see how the District will direct their School the persent year — . — . — . — . —

4th. To appoint the Mode of caling futur Metings.

And you are ~~hereby~~ Dirated to serve this warrant by notifying personally every person in the District qualified to Vote in Town affairs or by leaving at their usual place of abode a notification in writing expreping therein the time place and purpose of the said Meting seven days at least before the time of holding the same.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, —

Given under our hand this twenty first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven. —

Charles Brigham Jr. }
Joseph Adams. — } Select-men of Grafton
Silas Forbush Jr. }

To the Selectmen of Grafton

Gent.

agreable to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the inhabitants in District No. 3. qualified to Vote in Town affairs to attend the within specified Meting. —

Nath.l Smith. —

A true Copy of warrant and return thereon

Attest. Charles Benton, T. Clerk. —

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[L.S.] Worcester. ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting. -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn, the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, Qualified to Vote, in Elections to met at the Town Hall in Grafton on Monday the Thirteenth Day of November next at twelve O'Clock at noon. being the second Monday of said Month. to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen, for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor, of the Commonwealth, and for six Senators on one ballot for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing; -

Also to act on the following articles: Viz, -

1st. To Determine the number of Representatives said Town will Choose for the ensuing Year. -

2nd. To Choose one or more Representatives to Represent them in the General Court To be Holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. -

3rd To hear the report of any and all Standing Committee of said Town

4th To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to repair or rebuild the Bridge near Farnums Lower Factory. or act thereon as they shall think proper. -

5th. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Expenses of the repairs made on Engine No 1. Kept in the Centre of said Town or act thereon as they shall think proper. -

6th To accept Town Debts. -

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by Posting up an attested Copy. at each of the Public Meting Houses in the Centre of said Town nine days at least before the time for holding said Meting, hereof fail Not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to ourselves on or before the hour of said meting. Given under our hands and Seal. this twenty eighth day of October in the year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty seven. -

Oliver N. Brigham
Charles Brigham Jr.
Joseph Adams.
Luther Wright.
Silas Forbush Jr.
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. November 13th 1837.

Pursuant to the within warrant. I have notified the said inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, to Met at the within time and place, by posting up an attested Copy of this warrant at Each of the Public Meting Houses in the Centre of said Town nine days before the date hereof. -

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton.

A true Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. -

At a legal Muting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections held at the Town Hall, in said Town, on the Thirteenth Day of November A.D. 1837 pursuant pursuant to warning, The whole number of Votes given in for Governor, Lieutendant Governor, and six Senators on one ballot, were sorted, Counted, Recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons; Viz,

For Governor { Edward Everett, Two Hundred and fifty three Votes.
Marcus Morton, one Hundred and Twenty Votes -

For Lieutan-ant. Governor { George Hull Two Hundred and fifty two Votes -
William Foster, one Hundred and Twenty Votes -

For Senators -

Charles Hudson.	Two Hundred and forty Eight Votes
Linus Child .	Two Hundred and fifty Votes. -
William Hancock.	Two Hundred and forty Nine Votes
Thomas Kinicutt	Two Hundred and Twenty four Votes
James G, Carter.	Two Hundred and forty Seven Votes
Artemas Lee .	Two Hundred and fifty one Votes
Pliny Merrick .	Twenty Seven Votes
John Spurr .	one Hundred and Twenty Votes
Sullivan Sumner	one Hundred and Nineteen Votes
Nathaniel Wood .	one Hundred and Twenty Votes
Charles Sibley .	one Hundred and Nineteen Votes
Jedediah Marcy .	one Hundred and Nineteen Voty
Nathaniel Rand .	one Hundred and Twenty Votes

Voted to Choose Two Representatives for the Current Year and By Ballot Chose. Oliver N. Brigham, and Samuel Wood.
Representatives for the Current year. -

By vote Chose Samuel Wood Moderator.
Art. 3rd Voted to passover this article for the present.
Art. 4th. Voted to Choose a Committee of three on this Article to examine and repair if Necessary. -
By Vote Chose Luke Leland. Luther Wright and Phillip Wing a Committee. -

Art. 5th. Voted that the Town pay what expenses have been laid out for repairs on Engine No 1. and what may accrue hereafter in keeping said Engine in repair and in order, and said Engine is to be kept in the same Engine House, and under the direction of the Select-men. -

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Art. 6. Voted to accept the following Town Debts

Benjamin Heywood acct. for Plank.	$ 8. 34
Charles Prentiss for Stone furnished for the new Burying ground wall	7. 50
George N. Sibley. for repairing the Abutment of Bridge near Farnums's	32. 50
James S. Lathe. for Materials & Work for Bridge near S. Carrolls & Lathes.	13. 19
Benjamin Kingsbury. for making Taxes	15. 00
Albert Stone. for Potatoes.	11. 73

And the Meeting was dissolved. —

Attest.

Charles Prentiss, T. Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

[L.S.] To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, — — — — — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Elections, and in Town affairs to Meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the fifth day of March next at 12. O'Clock at noon. To act on the following articles Viz. —

1st. To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

2nd. To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, —

3rd. To hear the Annual report of the Select Men, and act thereon, — — — —

4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Schooling, and to defray all other necessary town Charges for the year ensuing, — — — — — — — —

5th To raise Money for the repair of High-ways town-ways, and Bridges the ensuing year, and see what method the Town will adopt in laying out the same, —

6th To see if the Treasurer shall be collector of Taxes the present year, and if so to determine his compensation, and the abatements to be made on Taxes, paid within thirty, sixty, and one hundred and twenty days. —

7th. To hear the report of any out standing Committee and act thereon. — —

8th. To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer

9th To hear the report of the Select men, on Petitions of Sampson Drury, and Thomas Whitlock and others for a Town way or private way to their Houses, and act thereon, —

10th. To see if the Town will accept the revision of the Jury Box.

11th. To see what method the Town will adopt in defraying the expenses of Burying the Dead the ensuing year, — —

12th To see if the Town will cause their Hearse to be hung on braces or springs, or in any other way they may see fit, — — — — .

13th. To see if the Town will cause one of their Church Bells to be rung at 12. O'Clock at noon and 9. O'Clock in the evening. — — — — .

14th. To Accept Town Debts, — — — .

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meting Houses in the centre of said Town ten days at least before the time for holding said meeting. —

Hereof fail not and Make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of holding said Meting, — —

Given under our hands and Seal this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, — .

Charles Brigham Jr. } Select-
Joseph Adams — } men
Luther Wright — } of
Silas Forbush Jr. — } Grafton

Worcester, ss, March 5th 1838.

Pursuant to the within warrant. I have notified the said inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, to meet at the within time and place, by Posting up an attested Copy of said warrant at each of the Public Meting Houses in the centre of said Town ten days before the date hereof; — — — — — — — — — —

Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton,

A. True Copy.

Attest. — Charles Prentice, T. Clerk,

At the Annual Meting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the fifth day of March A.D. 1838. Pursuant to warning. The following proceedings were had, Viz. — —

Art. 1st By Ballot Chose Joseph Bruce Moderator.

" " " Charles Brigham Junr.
" " " Joseph Adams
" " " Silas Forbush Junr.
" " " Benjamin Kingsbury
" " " Elijah Kimball.

} Selectmen who all appeared and were duly Sworn to the faithfull discharge of their duties March 5. 1838

Attest Charles Prentiss T. Cler.

" " " Charles Prentiss Town Clerk.

Grafton March 5th. 1838. Then the above named Charles Prentiss personally appeard before me and made oath to the faithful discharge of the duty of Town Clerk agreable to the requisitions of law. —

Charles Brigham Jr. Justice of Peace.

A true Copy Attest, Charles Prentiss T. Cler. —

" " " Isaac W. Wood. } Town Treasurer.
Sworn april 23. 1838 }

" " " Luke Leland } Sworn March 9. 1838.
Benjamin Kingsbury } Assessors. Sworn May. 7. 1838.
Phillip Wing. } Sworn March 9. 1838.

Voted to take up the 10th Article

Art. 10. The Town voted to accept of the revision of the Jury Box as made out by the Select men — The following is a List of their Names.

Otis Adams.	Leonard Whitlock	Lewis Holbrook
Joseph Adams.	Phillip Wing	Esec Saunders
Joseph Bruce.	Charles Brigham Junr.	Samuel Houghton
Elijah Kimball.	Silas Warren.	Lawson Munyon
Luke Leland.	Jonathan Warren.	Frederick Waterman
Timothy Miriam.	Benjamin Heywood	David Jourdon
John Putnam.	Albert Stone	Calvin W. Forbush
Joseph Balchelder.	Samuel Harrington	Charles Goddard
Joel Forbush.	Benjamin Kingsbury	Levi N Leland
Isaac W. Wood.	Jasper W. Putnam	William B. Harrington
Moses Roberts.	Willard S. Wood	Jonathan W. Stow
Liberty Wood.	Nathan Hancock	Morey Farnum
Isaac Southwick	Noah Kimball	John W. Slocomb
Austin Holbrook.	Chandler M. Pratt	John Whitney
Jonathan Whipple	Luther Wright	George N. Sibley.
Silas Forbush Junr.	John Putnam Junr.	
Oliver M. Brigham.	Daniel A Wesson	

Oliver M. Brigham, Charles Brigham Jr., Jos. Adams, Luther Wright, Silas Forbush Jr. } Select-Men of Grafton

Voted to take up the 8th article

Art. 8th For County Treasurer.

Anthony Chase had Sixty Six votes. by Ballot.

Art. 2. By Ballot chose. Charles Prentiss } Constables
James S. Green }

March 5. 1838. The above named Charles Prentiss and James S. Green this day personally appeared and took the oath of Constables agreeable to law. Before me.

Charles Brigham Jr. Justice Peace

A true Copy attest — Charles Prentiss. T. Clr. —

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Tuesday the 13th Inst. at this place at 1. O'Clock P.M. — —

Attest

Charles Prentiss. T. Clerk. —

Tuesday March 13th. 1838. The Town having met. Pursuant to adjournment from the fifth day of March current. The following further proceedings were had viz ——————————

By Ballot. Chose. Revd. John Jennings. Chairman of the
" " " Doctr. Levi Rawson, in place of George W. Sibley who declined Serving. —
" " " Charles Thurber
" " " Lewis Holbrook } General
" " " Jonathan M. Warren } School
" " " Benjamin Green } Committee
" " " Benjamin Kingsbury }

" " " Isaac W. Wood. Collector of taxes for the year ensuing. Sworn April 23d. 1838.

Voted to choose the remainder of the Town Officers by hand. Vote

By vote chose. Phillip Wing } Sworn march 9. 1838. —
Jefferson Whitlock } Sworn april 2. 1838. — —
Calvin S. Thurston } Sworn March 17th. 1838. —
Rodney Leland } Sworn June 2. 1838. —
Bradford Chase } Sworn March 21. 1838.
Leonard Whitlock } Surveyors and Collectors of highway Taxes.
Charles Daniels } Sworn March 21. 1838. —
Charles Goddard } Sworn June 5. 1838.
Elijah L Case } Sworn March 17th. 1838. —
Solomon Carrit } Sworn June 5. 1838. —
Jefferson Bellows } Sworn March 26. 1838. —
John V. Leland } Sworn June 7. 1838.

Proceedings of the Meeting March 13th 1838. Continued

By Vote chose Jonathan Wadsworth } Fence viewers.—
" " " Sampson Drury. }

" " " Jonathan Warren. Sealer of Leather

" " " William G. Morse } Sworn March 22. 1838.—
Phillip Wing } Surveyors of Lumber. Sworn March 19th 1838.

Voted to leave the appointment of the Measurers of Wood, & to the Selectmen. —

By Vote chose Sumner Dunsmoor } Field Drivers. Sworn May 12. 1838.—
Charles Goddard
Aaron Holmes .
Daniel Cutler . Sworn March 19. 1838.
Sampson Drury

" " " Emory Singletary. Pound Keeper. Sworn May 12. 1838

" " " Austin Holbrook } Auditing
Otis Adams— } Committee on
Lovel Baker . } Accounts.—

Art. 3. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen which is in the words and figures following.

The following is a Statement of the Expenses of the poor supported by the Town of Grafton the year ending — March 2. 1838.—

Cost of Farm.—	3086. 73
Cost of farming Tools Stock & Furniture	501. 78
Interest of farm and Stock & furniture	211. 05
Agents Salary. — . — . — .	300. 00
Bought one yoke Oxen . .	85. 00
" one Cow . .	26. 00
Cash paid by Agent to Oct. 1. .	134. 04
Do " " " from Oct. to March 2.	101. 01
Physicians Bill at the establishment	15. 85
Cash paid by Selectmen for provision bill	16. 78
Do " " " " " Sligh provision bill	37. 33
Lewis Griggs Blacksmith Bill . .	6. 84
Samuel F. Redding repairing window	.75
Jonathan Sibley Making Coffin.	5. 50
C M Fay Store Bill . .	6. 14
Paid for Cider Barrels .	3. 33
Paid Albert Stone for Potatoes .	11. 73
Wood Kimball & Store Bill & Wall .	20. 04
Micah Hutchins Stove & furniture	11. 62
Jourdon & White meat Bill . .	31. 37

Carried up —

Amount brought up		$1024.39
Sundry Bills and amount		27.33
		$.1051.72
Deduct for betterments on Stock & furniture		71.00
		$. 980.72
516 Wks.		477.07
		503.65
Whole amount of Cost. —		270.18
		$. 773.83

Amount of proceeds sold from farm 1837. Viz —

Received for hay sold		67.76
" " Beef sold		93.02
" " Cider "		55.39
" " Pigs "		8.55
" " Sixty Calves		42.60
Butter Cheese Potatoes & Oats &c		84.44
Work done by Ag[t] and Paupers		6.63
	$.	358.39
Received of the State for paupers on farm		118.68
	$.	477.07

Amount paid for paupers supported out of the Poor establishment as follows — —

For Henry Smith and family	82.53	
Physicians Bill	9.51	
	92.04	
Received from State	10.00	82.04
Elmira Brooks and family		61.59
Wd Catherine Whipple		26.51
Wd. Ruth Davis		26.51
Ellen Barrett an Irish Girl child	14.60	
Received from State	14.60	
Larned Leland		11.31
Henry Tibbets to Solomon Prentice		10.00
Mrs. Sibley		25.00
Franklin Harrington's child		10.00
Paid to Benjamin for George Ballard		6.00
Paid Ag[t] of Hopkinton poor House for Mrs. Groover		6.72
Benjamin F Herricks Bill for Valentine		4.50
	$.	270.18

Statement of the Standing of the Town of Grafton with the expenses and resources for one year ending March 1. 1838. Commencing with the expenses. Viz.

Paid for Schooling	1500.00
County Tax	500.00

continued over.

Selectmens report continued

To the Savings Institution at City of Boston		1200.00
Interest on Moses Adams Note		33.00
Out Standing orders		34.88
Abatement on Taxes as Directed by Assessors		65.53
Discount to those who paid their Taxes agreeable to the Vote of the Town.		53.66
Paid at the Lunatic Hospital to be refunded		100.87
Amount orders paid per Directions of Selectmen		1395.18
	$.	4883.12

Resources of Town as follows.—

Balance in Treasurers Hands		3529.38
Amount of Taxes committed to Treasurer		3319.47
State School fund		72.53
State Pauper amount paid		125.72
Interest on Surplus Revenue money		139.50
Interest on Town School funds		60.00
Interest allowed by Treasurer for 500. Dolls retained in his hands one year		30.00
	$.	7276.60
		4883.12
In hands of Treasury March 2. 1838.	$.	2393.48
To which may be added the Surplus Revenue		4604.23

Deposits or Notes which are as follows

1 Note of Nathan Hancock Dated May 2. 1837	$1000.00
1 Note of Austin Holbrook " May 23. 1837.	1000.00
1 Note of Silas Forbush Jr. " May 24. 1837.	754.23
1 Note of Robert W. Flagg " Augt. 1. 1837.	850.
	$. 4604.23

Debts of the Town are the following.—

1 Note Signed by Treasurer Dated April 17. 1834. at 6 per Cent. to Moses Adams &c.		550.00
1 Note Signed by Treasury to the Savings institution Dated April 1. 1835 for	4000.00	
Interest has been paid Annually and principal at 5 per cent	1000.00	3000.00
Amt. of Debts Due from Town March 1. 1838.	$	3550.00

All which is respectfully submitted for your acceptance

Grafton March 2. 1838.—

Elijah M. Brigham
Charles Brigham jr
Joseph Adams
Luther Wright
Silas Forbush Jr.
} Selectmen of Grafton

A true Copy
Attest Charles Benton. T. Clk

Art. 4th. Voted to raise the sum of Nine hundred and fifty Dollars in addition to the Interest on the School fund and the amount which is received from the Commonwealth for Schooling the ensuing year, one third to be laid out for Summer Schools and the remaining Two thirds for Winter Schools.

Voted to raise the sum of one Thousand Dollars to defray all necessary Town charges for the current year. — — —

Art. 6. Voted to allow the Collector of Taxes the ensuing year 2 per cent on the amount for his services — —

Voted to allow those who pay their Taxes within thirty days after the Bills shall be Committed to the Collector 5 per cent discount, to those who pay in 60 Days 4 per cent discount, and to those who pay in 120 Days 3 per cent Discount on the amount of their respective Taxes —. — — —

Art. 7 Voted to accept the report of the Committee Mentioned in this Article viz. — — — —

Paid for the Town Book for records of Valuation & Taxes	$ 6.50
" recording Valuations and Taxes 6 years	30.00
" Chest to Keep Assessors records in	4.00
	$ 40.50

Voted to accept the report of the Committee Chosen on this article for the repairing the Bridge near Farnums Woolen Factory the expense to the Town. — $ 209.85

Art. 5. Voted to grant the sum of Twelve Hundred and fifty Dollars for the repairs of Highways, Town ways and Bridges the Current year. and to allow Man and Ox Team Twelve & Half cents Each per hour for what time they work. Tools left discretionary with Highway Surveyors

Art. 9. Voted to pass over this article —

Art. 11. Voted to take the same course as was taken last year in regard to Burying the Dead, and left Discretionary with the Selectmen

Art. 14. Voted to allow the following accounts.

Rev. John Jennings for visiting Schools	15.00
George N. Sibley do do	15.00
School Committee for Books	2.59
E. Saunders Bill of Sundries Plank &c.	22.81
Samuel Hall Bill for Digging Graves &c.	66.00
Charles Brigham Jr Bill for attending Court	1.25
Isaac W. Wood Bill	9.97

and the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the Second day of April next at 4 O'Clock P.M. then to Meet at this place —

Attest. Charles Prentiss, T. Clr. —

L.S. Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections to met at the Town Hall in Grafton on Monday the seconde day of April next at two O'clock in the afternoon, to bring in their Votes to the Select-men, for three County Commissioners on one Ballot for the County of Worcester, and also for two Special - Commissioners, for said County; —

And you are directed to notify the inhabitants above Named to Met on said day, and at the place above named at three O'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles; viz —

1st. To choose a Moderator for said Muting; —

2d. To see if the Town will discontinue, the old road leading from Charles L. Heywoods, to Otis Adams until it intersects the new Town road; —

3d. To hear the report of the Select-men on the Petition of Thomas Whitcomb and others for a Town road, (leading from the road that leads from the Dwelling house of the late Asa Scott to Josephus Willards) to said Whitcombs Dwelling house; Also the Petition of Sampson Drury for a Town roade leading from Charles Nuzzys, to said Sampson Drury's Dwelling house, and act thereon as they shall think proper —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy there of at each of the Public Muting Houses in the Centre of said Town ten days at least before the time for holding said Muting; — Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to our selves at the time and place of holding said muting —

Given under our hands and Seal this Twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight —

Charles Brigham Jr
Joseph Adams
Silas Forbush Jr
Benjamin Kingsbury
Elijah Kimball
} Select-men of Grafton

Worcester ss. April 2nd 1838 —

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested Copy at each of the Public Muting Houses in the Centre of the Town of Grafton, as within directed ten days before the time set for holding said Muting.

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton

A true Copy
attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk —

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in elections held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the second day of April A.D. 1838. for the purpose of giving in their votes, for three County Commissioners and for Two Spuial Commissioners on one ballot for the County of Worcester. the Whole Number of Votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the revised Statutes is directed and were for the following persons; — — — —

For Commissioners.

William Crawford.	One hundred and Seventeen Votes	
Jared Reed	Fifty Seven Votes. —	
Samuel Taylor	Sixty Seven Votes —	
Hiram Wheelock	Forty eight Votes —	Spuial Commissioners
Amory Holman	Fifty four Votes —	
Thomas Chamberlain	Fifty three Votes —	
Sullivan Thayer	Forty Seven Votes	Spuial Commissioners

For Spuial Commissioners —

David Davenport.	Sixty one Votes —
Zachariah Sheldon	Fifty five votes —
Hiram Wheelock	Forty Eight Votes —
Sullivan Thayer.	Forty Seven votes
Amory Holman	One vote. —

At a Meeting of the inhabitants above named held at the same time and place pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had. — viz.

Art 1st. By ballot chose Joseph Brown Moderator for said Meeting —

Art 2nd Voted to pass over this article for the present.

Art 3rd. Voted to pass over this article for the present in the report of the Selectmen on a road laid out by them, on the petition of Sampson Drury. and also on the petition of Thomas Wheelock and others. — — — — —

The lay out of said roads by the Selectmen is on file —

And the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 23rd. Instant at 4. O'Clock P.M then to meet at this place. — . —

Attest, Charles Prentiss, T. Clerk

April 2nd. 1838. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 13th Day of March last, the following additional proceedings were had. viz.

Art. 2. Voted to take up the second Article and act thereon

Voted. That the Selectmen appoint fifteen measurers of Wood and Bark for the year ensuing. —

Voted. That the Selectmen appoint one Sealer of weights and Measures for the year ensuing. —

Art. 12. Voted. To take up the 12th Article and act thereon.

Voted. to authorise the Selectmen to Cause their Hearse to be hung on Braces or Springs as they may think most proper.

Art 13th. Voted that the Selectmen Cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12. O' Clock at Noon and at 9. O' Clock in the evening, — Provided it can be done for a reasonable Compensation; ——————

Art 14. Voted To accept the following amounts viz

Jonathan Wheeler's act for wood and building fires 2. 00

and the Meeting was dissolved

Attest. Charles Prentiss, T. Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty third day of April Inst. at 3. O' Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles. ——————

1st. To choose a Moderator of said Meeting. —

2nd. To see if the Town will discontinue any part of the old Town roads leading from forks of the roads near the Dwelling House of Isaac W. Woods to the forks of the roads Westerly of the Dwelling house of Otis Adams and if so what part and to what point in said road ——————

3rd. To hear the report of the Selectmen in relation to a Town road petitioned for by Sampson Drury — leading from the end of the old road, near the Dwelling House of Charles Nutt. to said Drury's Dwelling house also a Town road petitioned for by Thomas Whitlock and others. leading from the roade near Hollands Grunwoods to said Whitlocks Dwelling House, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copys thereof at each of the public Muting Houses in the Centre of said Town, ten days at least before the time of holding said Muting; —

Here of fail not and make due due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Muting as aforesaide. — — — —

given under our hands and seals this Seventh Day of April in the year of our Lorde one thousande eight hundred and thirty eight. —

Charles Brigham Jr.
Joseph Adams —
Silas Forbush Jr —
Benjamin Kingsbury
Elijah Kimball.

} Select men of Grafton

Worcester, ss. April 23rd. 1838 —

Pursuant to the within warrant. I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, herein — described to met at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned. by Posting up an attested Copy of this warrant at each of the Public Muting Houses in the Centre of said Town ten days before the date here of

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton

a Copy.

attest, Charles Prentice, T. Clerk —

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Elections and in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the 23rd. day of April A.D. 1838. the following proceedings were had. Viz. ——

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Joseph Brown Moderator.

Art. 2nd. Voted to Discontinue forty seven rods and 9/16. of a rod. of the East end of the road Mentioned in this article. to a point where now Stands an ash Tree on the north side of said road to a Stake and Stons at the north side of said Tree by land of Calvin W. Forbush. —

Art 3rd. Voted not to accept the report of the Selectmen, in laying out a Town road from near the Dwelling House of Charles Merrys to the Dwelling House of Sampson Drury. — — — — — — — — — — — —

also. the Town Voted not to accept the report of the Selectmen. in laying out a Town road leading from the road near Holland Greenwoods to Thomas Whitlocks Dwelling House — — — —

and the Meeting was dispolved

Attest.

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. —

April 23rd. 1838. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the Second day of the same April. the following further proceedings were had. viz.,—

Voted that the remaining articles of this warrant be indefinitely postponed.

and the Meeting was dissolved

Attest. Charles Prentice. Town, Clerk. —

The following are the names of Persons appointed by the Selectmen for Measurers of Wood and Bark. —

Fees for Measuring wood & Bark 6¼ Cents. per Cord. —

Henry T. Grout.	Sworn April 21st. 1838. —
Jonathan Luther	Sworn May 10th 1838. —
Benjamin Green	Sworn April 23rd. 1838 —
Joseph Meriam.	Sworn April 23rd. 1838. —
Smith Green	Sworn April 26th. 1838. —
David White —	
Samuel Houghton	
Joshua W. Lelands	Sworn April 27th. 1838. —
Waterman A Fisher	

William W. Parker.
Joseph Batchelder
Willard S. Wood . — Sworn April 27th. 1838. —
Phillip Wing .
Mowrey Farnum —
Joseph Kimball — Sworn August 29th. 1838. —

Phillip Wing. Sealer of weights & Measures —
Samuel Hall. Sexton. for Centre Burying Ground —
Joseph H. Whitney Sexton for Farnum Village Burying Ground. —

The above are the names of men whom we appoint to the Respective offices. aforesaide — . — . — —

Charles Brigham Jr. } Select
Joseph Adams. — } -men
Silas Forbush Jr. } of
Benja Kingsbury — } Grafton
Elijah Kimball }

A Copy
Attest. Charles Bentley. T. Clerk —

[L.S.] To Mr. James S. Grout Constable of the Town of Grafton. — Greeting.

The following is a list of those persons who are appointed to the respective Offices hereinafter named at a Meeting of the Selectmen of said Town of whom an oath is by law required; viz. —

Henry S. Grout. Jonathan Luther. Benjamin Grout
Joseph Merian. Smith Grout. David White
Samuel Houghton. Joshua W. Leland. Waterman A. Fisher
William W. Parker. Joseph Batchelder. Willard S. Wood —
Phillip Wing Mowrey Farnums. Joseph Kimballs —
The above fifteen persons are Measurers of Wood & Bark. — — —
Phillip Wing. Sealer of weights and Measures. —
Samuel Hall Sexton for Central Burying Ground. —
Joseph H. Whitney Sexton for Farnum's Village Burying Ground

And you are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, within three days from the date hereof, to notify and summon each of the said persons to appear before me within seven days from the time you shall give such notice, to take the oath by Law prescribed to the Offices unto which they are

respectively Chosen. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, within ten days from the date hereof.

Given under my hand and Seal this eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight. — — —

Charles Prentiss. {Clerk of said Town of Grafton

Grafton April 21. 1838.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and summoned the several persons within named to appear before the Town Clerk (yourself) and take the oaths of their respective offices as therein directed

James S. Gowen, Constable of Grafton.

a copy attest Charles Prentiss, Town, Clerk,

[L.S.] [L.S.] [L.S.] Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to met at the Town Hall, in said Grafton on Monday. the eleventh day of June next, at four O'Clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles;—

1st. To choose a Moderator of said meeting.—

2nd. To see if the Town will choose one or more persons, to act as agent, or agents for said Town in defending the action of Robert Lavity. vs. said Town, wherein said Lavity claims damages of seven hundred Dollars. for injuries received as he says. in consequence of a defect in a Stone Bridge, on the Worcester road. between the burying Ground and Abner T. Lathes, or act thereon in anyway. manner, or form that will dispose of said suit, that they may think proper.—

3rd. To see if the Town will determine by vote that the prudential committee of the—

Several School Districts in said Town, may have the right and power to select, contract with, and engage their teacher or teachers, as they have heretofore done, agreeable to the conditional expressions, in the new law, relating to the duties of general school committees.—

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at each of the public Meeting Houses, in the centre of said Town, ten days (at least) before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.—

Given under our hands and seals, this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.—

Charles Brigham Jr
Joseph Adams
Benjamin Kingsbury
} Select-men of Grafton.

Worcester, ss.

June 11. 1838.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton herein described to Met at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up an attested Copy of this warrant, at each of the public Meeting Houses in the centre of said Town, ten days before the date hereof.

Charles Prentice, Con. Table, of Grafton,

A. Copy.

Attest. Charles Prentice, T. Clr.

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At a legal Muting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Elections and in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Eleventh day of June A.D. 1838. — pursuant to warning. The following proceedings were had. — — —

Art. 1st. By Ballot. Chose Joseph Bruce. Moderator.

Art. 2nd Voted to Choose three persons to settle if they can with Robert Lavity, Mentioned in this article. or refer it, or carry it throug the suit now Commenced against said Town. and do as they shall think best and proper to act for said Town. and

Oliver M. Brigham
Joseph Bruce
Isaac W. Wood
} were Chosen such Committee

Art. 3rd Voted that the Prudential School committee be authorised to contract with and engage their teachers as Mentioned in this Article agreable to the new Law.
and the muting was dissolved

Attest. Charles Prentice. T. Clr.

[L.S.] Worcester, ss.
[L.S.] To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton
[L.S.] in the County of Worcester. — — Greeting: —
[L.S.] In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn, the
[L.S.] inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, Qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall in Grafton on Monday the Twelfth day of November next, at Twelve O'Clock at noon, being the second Monday of said Month, to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor, of the Commonwealth, and for six senators, on one Ballot, for the District of Worcester, for the year ensuing; — — — — — —
Also to bring in their Votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the united States. for District Number five — — — — — —
Also. to bring in their votes for a County — Commissioner to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Jared Ward Esquire, —
Also To act on the following articles; viz: —
1st To determine the Number of Representatives

said Town will Choose for the present year;
2nd To Choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first wednesday of January next, ——————
And you are also directed to notify the inhabitants above named to meet on said day and at the place above named at four O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles; Viz;—
1st. To Choose a Moderator of said Meeting —
2nd To see if the Town will discontinue the Old road leading from the Slaughter House of George W. Jones to the Dwelling House of Wm Fanny Brooks, or act thereon as they shall think proper —
3rd To see if the Town will Choose a Committee who shall have the General Charge and Superintendance of all the Bridges in said Town, and whose duty it shall be To repair or build, any Bridges which are necessary to be repaired or built for the safety and convenience of the public, and at the expense of said Town or act thereon as they shall think proper;—
4th. To accept Town debts, —
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the centre of said Town ten days at least before the time for holding said Meeting —
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves on or before the hour of said Meeting. Given under our hands and seals this twenty seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight

Charles Brigham Jr.
Joseph Adams —
Silas Forbush Jr —
Benjamin Kingsbury
Elijah Kimball —
} Select-men of Grafton

Worcester, ss.
November 12th 1838. —
Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the said inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, To Meet at the within time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by Posting up an attested copy of this warrant at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the centre of said Town. Ten days before the date hereof

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of warrant and return made thereon
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections, held at the Town Hall, in said Town, on the Twelfth day of November being the second Monday in said Month A.D. 1838. Pursuant to warning; — The whole number of votes given in for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and for six Senators on one Ballot. Also to bring in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States. for District Number five —
Also to bring in their votes for a County Commissioner —
the whole Number of votes given in for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, were sorted, Counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed. and were for the following persons.

For Governor { Edward Everett, two hundred and forty two votes —
Marcus Morton, one hundred and sixty two votes —

For Lieutenant Governor. { George Hull, Two hundred and forty two votes —
Theodore Lyman, one hundred and sixty Two Votes

For Senators

Linus Child. two hundred and thirteen Votes
William Hancock. Two hundred and thirteen Votes —
Thomas Kinnicutt Two hundred and Eleven Votes —
Artemas Lee. Two hundred and twelve votes —
James G. Carter Two hundred and thirteen votes —
James Allen Two hundred and twelve votes
John Spurr one hundred and twenty nine votes. —
Sullivan Sumner one hundred and twenty nine votes
Nathaniel Wood one hundred and thirty votes. —
Charles Sibley one hundred and twenty nine votes
Jedediah Morey one hundred and twenty five votes
Nathaniel Rand one hundred and twenty five votes
Pliny Merrick sixty votes
Amory Holman fifty seven votes
Aaron Brooks thirty one votes.
Joseph Thayer twenty nine votes
Benjamin D. Hyde thirty votes
Jubal Harrington thirty seven votes
Joseph David twenty five votes
Ephraim Stone twenty five votes
Otis Haydn twenty five votes
Samuel Wood twenty three votes
Rejoice Newton one vote. —

Continued. — —

For County Commissioner
Nathan Heard, one hundred and Eighty seven votes.
Zachariah Sheldon, one hundred votes.
Ephraim Stone thirty one votes.
David Davenport, twenty two votes
Isaac Davis, one vote.
Charles Allen. one vote.

For Representative to Congress.
Levi Lincoln, two hundred and eleven votes
Isaac Davis, one hundred and forty two votes.
Charles Allen forty one votes.
Samuel Wood one vote.
Silas Forbush two votes.

Voted To Choose Two Representatives to the General Court for the ensuing political year, and the following persons were Chosen, Viz:

Joseph Bruce, and
Noah Kimball.

And the Meting was dispolved.
Attest. Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk,

Also at the same time and place the Town having met pursuant to warning the following proceedings and had,
Art. 1. By ballot chose Joseph Bruce Moderator, of said Meting.
Art. 2. The Town voted to discontinue the road as Mentioned in this article viz from the Slaughter House of George W. Jones, to the dwelling House of W. Fanny Brooks
Art. 3rd The Town voted to choose a Committee to take charge of all Bridges whose sluss are ten feet and upwards till the next annual Meting.
Voted to have a Committee of five.
By vote chose Phillip Wing, - Luke Leland William Morse Joshua W. Leland, - and Joseph Batchelder for said Committee.
Art 4th Voted to accept the following accounts

Phillip Wing for Making Taxes.	$22.50
Luke Leland for Making taxes &c.	30.00
Benj.a Kingsbury for Making taxes	22.50
Boad for Chase for work on the road	10.51
Joseph Merriam Junr. for Plank & timber	10.57
Phillip Wing for building Bridge	96.96

And the Meting was dispolved.
Attest
Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk,

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Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the thirty first day of December, instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to give in their Votes, to the Select-men, for a County Commissioner to fill a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners, for said County, caused by the resignation of Jared Weed Esq.r and to serve in said Office for the residue of the term for which said Jared Weed was elected, and until some other person shall be Chosen and qualified in his place.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public meeting Houses in the centre of said Grafton ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting;—

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, To the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid:—

Given under our hands and Seals this seventeenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight

Charles Brigham Jr.
Silas Horbush Jr.
Benj.a Kingsbury
} Select-Men of Grafton,

A true Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice. T. Clr,

Worcester, ss, December 31. 1838.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, to Met at the within time and place, and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested Copy of this warrant at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the centre of said Town ten days before the date hereof. Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton,

A true Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice, T, Clr,

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections, held at the Town Hall, in said town on Monday the thirty first day of December A. D. 1838. Pursuant to warning, for the purpose of giving in their Votes to the Selectmen for a County Commissioner to fill a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners, for said County caused by the resignation of Jared Weed Esquire, ——— the whole number of Ballots given in was seventy two. — and were for the following; - viz. ——————
For Nathan Heard forty nine Votes -
" John W. Lincoln twenty two votes -
" Zachariah Sheldon one vote —
The votes were sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made as the law directs. —
And the Meeting was dissolved.
Attest.
Charles Prentiss, Town, Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton on Monday the fourth day of March next at twelve O'Clock at noon. to act on the following articles; Viz: ———————

1st. To Choose a Moderator of said Meeting, ...
2nd. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, ...
3rd. To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer,
4th To give in their Votes to the Select-men, for a County Commissioner, to fill a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners for said County, caused by the resignation of Jared Weed Esquire, and to serve in said Office for the residue of the term for which said Jared Weed was elected, and until some other shall be Chosen and qualified in his place. ———————
5th To fix the compensation and determine the duties of the assessors, for the ensuing year, ...
6th To see if the Treasurer shall be Collector of Taxes, and if so to determine his compensation. and the

abatement to be made from persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes within thirty, sixty, and one hundred and twenty days from the time the Tax bills shall be committed to the Collector, ...

7th. To see if the town will fix a time within which all taxes shall be paid, and to determine the measures to taken with those who neglect to pay within that time, ...

8th. To determine the amount of money to be raised to defray the current expenses of the town for the year ensuing, ...

9th. To determine the Manner of repairing the roads and Bridges within the town, ...

10th. To hear and to act upon any report of any out standing Committee, or any Officers of the Town, ...

11th. To see if the town will adopt and approve the 19th 20th and 21st. sections of the 18th Chapter of the revised Statutes relating to Engine men, ...

12th. To see if the Town will defray the same charges for burials as they have done the past year, ...

13th. To see if the town will cause a bell to be rung at 12 M. and 9 P.M. during the year, ...

14th To see if the town will (agreable to the Petition of Esek Saunders and others) divide School District No. 2. lying each side of the Blackstone river into two districts in such a way that the river shall form the line between the Districts or in any other manner that the town shall direct and to act upon any other subject relative to the above article, ...

15th To see if the Town will build or cause to be built a Tomb in their central burying ground for the purpose of depositing the Dead during the season of the Year when the Earth is sealed with frost and great labor is required to dig graves.

16th. To see if the Town will cause a new division of their School money to be made and if so what measures the town will adopt to cause said division to be made, ---

17th. To hear the report of the Select-men on the Petition of John Putnam and others in relation to Straitening the road and removing the lower Bridge over the Quinsigamond River in New England Village so called in said town, ...

18th. To see if the town will cause the Barn standing on their Poor farm to be Shingled, and make such other repairs on their buildings as is necessary and if so what Measures the town will adopt to effect the same. -

19th. To Accept Town Debts. _____

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Centre of said Town ten days at least before the time for holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said Meeting

Given under our hands and seals this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Thirty nine.

Charles Brigham Jr.
Joseph Adams
Silas Forbush Jr.
Benja Kingsbury
Elijah Kimball
} Select men of Grafton,

Worcester ss,

Grafton March 4th 1839.

I have served the within warrant by Posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Center of said Grafton Pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A True Copy
Attest Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Elections and in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fourth day of March A. D. 1839. Pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had, Viz.

Art. 1st By Ballot Chose Joseph Bowen, Moderator of said Meeting,
Art. 2d By Ballot Chose Benjamin Kingsbury } Sworn March 4. 1839
" " " Elijah Kimball } Sworn March 8. 1839.
" " " Joseph Batchelder } Select. Men. Sworn March 4. 1839
" " " Liberty Wood } Sworn March 4. 1839
" " " Noah Kimball } Sworn March 4. 1839
" " " Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk, Sworn.
" " " Liberty Wood, Town Treasurer, Sworn March 4. 1839
" " " Phillip Wing } ——— Sworn.
" Lewis Holbrook } Assessors, Sworn.
" Samuel Houghton } ——— Sworn,

at half past 4. o'Clock P.M. the Town voted to take up the 3d Art
Art. 3d Anthony Chase had eighty nine Votes.
John W. Lincoln had one vote. For County Treasurer.
Voted to take up the 4th Article.
Art. 4th Nathan Heard had seventy four votes } For County Commissioner.
John W. Lincoln had Twenty eight votes }
Wm N. Green had three votes Edmund Cushing one Vote. J. S. Green one vote

March 4. 1839. Voted to take up the second article
Art 2nd By Ballot chose Revd John Jennings } General
" " " " Carneau Palfrey } School
" " " " Thomas C. Bisco } Committee
Voted to add two more to said Committee
By Ballot chose Revd Minor G. Clark. and
Dor. Levi Rawson,
By Ballot chose James S. Green } Sworn March 4. 1839.
Charles Prentiss } Constables. Sworn,
Adjourned this Meeting to Monday the Eleventh day of March current at one O'Clock P.M. at this place.
Attest. Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk,

March 11th 1839. The town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 4th instant the following further proceedings were had; viz:

By Ballot chose Charles Brigham Junr. Moderator pro tem.
Voted to choose the remainder of the Town officers by hand vote, except the Collector of Taxes.
By vote chose. Rufus E. Warren Sworn March 14 1839 }
" " " Reuben Eames Sworn June 10. 1839 }
" " " John P. Hayden. Sworn June 17. 1839. }
" " " Harvey J. Pratt. Sworn May 31. 1839 } Highway
" " " Timothy Merriam, Sworn June 7. 1839 } Surveyors,
" " " Eliot Barber Sworn March 23d. 1839 }
" " " Joshua W. Leland, Sworn March 18. 1839 }
" " " Sumner Dunsmoor. Sworn March 23. 1839 }
" " " Jonathan W. Stow. Sworn June 17. 1839 }
" " " Arwin Thompson. Sworn May 31. 1839 }
" " " Luther Wright }
" " " Joseph Kimball Sworn June 3. 1839 }
Voted to have two fence viewers for the ensuing year.
" " " Charles Brigham } Fence Viewers,
" " " Pardon Aldrich }
Voted to have two sealers of Leather.
" " " Jonathan Warren Sworn March 23. 1839 } Sealers of Leather
" " " Joseph Batchelder }
Voted to have two Surveyors of Lumber.
" " " Phillip Wing } Surveyors of Lumber.
" " " Charles B. Jenks }
Voted to have the Measurers of Wood, and the Sealer of Weights and Measures. appointed by the Select Men.
" " " Leander S. Pratt. Sound Keeper.
" " " Luke Leland }
Phillip Wing } Auditing Committee
Oliver M. Brigham } on accounts.

Voted to have nine field Drivers the present year.
By vote chose Samuel F. Redding
" " " Benjamin Lathe Sworn March 26. 1839.
" " " Joel Tatt.
" " " Joseph Kimball. Sworn June 3. 1839.
" " " David White
" " " Aaron Holmes
" " " Benjamin W Fay
" " " Stephen Adams
" " " William Sampson Sworn March 25. 1839

Field Drivers

voted to take up the 5 article
Art 5. Voted to pass over this article for the present
Art 6. voted to pass over this article for the present.
voted to take up the second Article
The town set up the collection of Taxes the present year and it was left on Benjamin W. Fay at 1¾ per cent.
Art 2nd. By ballot chose Benjamin W. Fay Collector of Taxes the present year on condition he gives Bonds to the satisfaction of the Selectmen
Art. 7 Voted that the Collector of Taxes shall shew all the Taxes he has for collection within fifteen days after he receives the Bills. And collect all poll taxes within thirty days after ... And all taxes that are not paid by the first day of January next. to be collected according to Law. And for the Collector to pay into the Treasury all moneys as fast as he collects.
Art. 8. Voted to raise the sum of thirty seven hundred Dollars to defray Town Charges the Current year, Twelve hundred dollars to be laid out on high-ways and Bridges. and fifteen hundred Dollars including the interest of the school fund. and the surplus money and the amount which comes from the commonwealth for schooling. one thousand Dollars to be laid out for winter schools and five hundred Dollars for Summer schools.
Voted to raise the sum of five hundred Dollars in in addition to what has been raised for the support of a High school to be kept in said Town.
Voted that the Money to be laid on the high-ways shall be laid out in the same manner as last Y. year Except on all Bridges whose sluices are ten feet and over to be repaired by Committee chosen for that purpose.
Voted That one Thousand Dollars be laid out on the High-ways in Labor, and two hundred Dollars to be raised in a money tax to be laid out on Bridges,
Voted to choose a Committee of five to superintend the repairs of Bridges the ensuing year,

By Vote chose Phillip Wing
Luke Leland
Perley Goddard
Joshua W. Leland
Charles Brigham Jr.
} for said Committee

Art. 10 Voted to accept the Report of the Select-men, which is in the words and figures following. ...

A Statement of the Expenses of the Poor of the Town of Grafton for the year ending March 2. 1839.—

Cost of Farm	$3086.73
Stock now on the farm worth as appraised by Select-men. —	495.00
Farming tools & household furniture including Stoves	175.00
Hay Grain and other produce now on the farm including provisions now in the House.	418.56
Total amount of the poor establishment both Real and Personal Property.	$4105.29

Interest on the farm at 5 per cent. —	154.33
Interest on Stock farming tools House hold furniture, provisions &c &c at 6 per cent	61.11
Agents Salary	275.00
Cash paid for Stock	45.00
Cash paid out by the agent for sundry articles & labor	182.00
Physicians Bill paid on the farm	35.97
Wood Kimball & Co Bill paid for goods out of Store	41.42
Solomon Brigham Bill paid for goods out of Store	31.80
Nathan Hancocks Bill paid for a Cooking Stove	31.00
Robert W. Flaggs bill paid for a washing machine	5.75
and several other small bills to the amount of	34.35
Bills now due to different persons	38.40
Total	$904.05

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amount of hay, grain, pork, Butter, Cheese and other kinds of produce sold from farm together with cash received by the agent for his services off the farm by the day. —	$223.09
State pauper fund due the Town	65.67
addition of farming tools & furniture on the farm	71.43
Cash in the hands of the agent	19.51
Notes due the establishment collected	55.16
additional amount of Stock and produce now on the farm above last year	67.17
Total	$502.03

Cost of supporting paupers on the farm over and above all income is $402.02— or $1.08 per week for 372 weeks being about 7/16 persons during the year. — $402.02

The following is a Statement of expenses of paupers supported away from farm in families and houses by themselves, not so much to save expense, but out of feelings of humanity towards the unfortunate and destitute and those with whom they are connected.

paid House rent for Henry Smith and family,	$. 25. 00
" Samuel A. Knox for keeping & clothing boy	5. 00
Widow Ruth Davis	26. 50
Widow Catherine Whipple	26. 00
Benj^a. Herrick, bill for bourding James Valentine	4. 50
Expenses of Elmira Brooks and family	51. 13
do. Widow Betsey Flagg including Doctors bill	53. 25
Ellen Barretts board & clothing	14. 60
Widow Sibleys expenses paid	44. 25
and something more is yet due her as per agreement.	
paid Thomas Paynter and family	17. 00
paid Solomon Prentice for keeping boy	10. 00
Cash paid Insane Hospital to be again refunded	104. 14
Making a cost of about 277. (or more if	$. 381. 37
Miss S. Sibleys Bill is allowed) for relieving about	
25 or 30 persons the past year away from the poor farm.	

Report of the Select-men for the expenses of the Town of Grafton for the year ending on the 25 day of March 1839. as paid through the hands of the Treasurer as follows to wit.

paid Assessors order for abatement of taxes	$. 79. 43
discount made on taxes agreable to vote of Town	45. 16
paid interest on Moses Adam's Note	33. 41
paid interest on Note at Boston	150. 00
paid Anthony Chase, County Treasurer the County tax	820. 96
paid for Schooling	1500. 00
paid Isaac W. Wood for collecting taxes	54. 09
And many other bills of both small and great by orders on the Town Treasurer as aforesaid to the amount of	1259. 91
Total amount.	$. 3942. 96

Resources of the Town as follows.

Balance in the Treasurers hands March 31 1838 - of appropriated money	$. 1393. 48
Military bounty received from State Treasurer	5. 00
Cash refunded from the City of Boston for charges made at the Insane Hospital Worcester by Erastus Farnum,	86. 23
Amount of taxes committed to Isaac W. Wood Collector,	2704. 64
State pauper fund received from State Treasurer,	140. 67

Interest on Nathan Hancocks Note	60.30
Interest on Silas Forbushes Note	45.61
Interest on Robert W. Flagg's Note	60.10
Interest on Austin Hoffbrooks Note	61.11
Interest on Isaac W. Woods Note	51.76
Interest on Emory Singletary's Note	60.00
	$. 4668.90
Brought forward	$. 3942.96
leaving a balance of appropriated money now in the Treasurers hands of	$. 725.94
And also in the hands of the Treasurer the unappropriated school fund secured by Mortgage on Real estate of	$. 1000.00
And the surplus revenue fund secured as aforesaid of	4604.23
All which is respectfully submitted	$. 5604.23

Charles Brigham Jr
Joseph Adams
Benja Kingsbury
} selectmen of Grafton

Art. 11. Voted to adopt and approve of the 18th 19th and 21st Sections of the 18th Chapter of the Revised Statutes in relation to Engine men,

Art. 12. Voted To pay the same Charges for burials as the town have paid the past year. — .

Art. 13. Voted to have one of the Church Bells rung at 12. M. and 9. P. M. during the year

Art. 14. Voted to divide School District No. 2. into two Districts, and have the River be the dividing line as set forth in this article. — .

The Select men appointed the following persons Measurers of Wood, viz:—

Willard S. Wood
Samuel F. Redding — Sworn March 12. 1839
Rufus E. Warren — Sworn March 14. 1839
Winthrop Faulkner — Sworn March 16. 1839.
John W. Slocomb.
Charles E. Kimball
Charles C. Mitchell
Charles B. Jenks.
Jonathan Luther — Sworn March 11. 1839
Jasper W. Putnam
James G. Putnam
Claudius Long
Luther Wright
Thomas Smith
Rufus Rice.

Voted to adjourn this this Meeting to Monday the 25th Inst. at 1. O'Clock P.M. at this place

attest Charles Prentice, T. Clerk,

March 25th 1839. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 11th Instant. the following further proceedings were had viz:

voted to take up the fifteenth article.

Art 15th the Town voted to build a Tomb in the central burying ground. as set forth in this article.

voted to choose a Committee of three to carry this article into effect.

Albert Stone
Jardon Aldrich } were chose said Committee
Samuel Hall

Art 16th voted to choose a Committee one from each School District to act on this article.

By vote chose

Joseph Brown	No.	1
Lewis Holbrook	"	2
Silas Forbush Jr.	"	3
Salmon Hathaway	"	4
Royal Keith	"	5
Mowrey Farnum	"	6
Charles Brigham Jr	"	7
Joseph Meriam Jr	"	8
Charles B. Jenks	"	9
Joshua W. Leland	"	10

} for said Committee

who were by vote to make a report at a future Meting.

Art. 17th Voted to pass over this article.

Art. 18th Voted to new shingle the Barn standing on their poor farm and make such other repairs on their buildings as shall be considered necessary.

voted to choose a Committee of five to superintend the shingling and making such other repairs as shall be thought necessary.

By vote chose

Philip Wing
Moses H. Adams
Austin Holbrook } for said Committee,
George Clapp
Luke Leland

Art. 19th voted to accept the following amounts.

Joseph H. Whitney's amount.	$4.00
Samuel Hall's amount	92.00
	$96.00

voted to take up the twelfth article

Art. 12. voted to reconsider the vote passed the last Meting on this article.

voted to pay the sexton one dollar and seventy five cents for digging Graves, Tolling the bell and attending each funeral.

Art. 5th. voted that the assessors be paid one dollar and twenty five cents for each day they are employed in assessing Taxes.

voted that the assessors are authorised to abate all Taxes they shall think proper.

Art. 8th. Voted to reconsider the vote passed the last last Muting to raise the sum of five Hundred Dollars for the support of a High School. . . . . .

Voted to reconsider the vote to raise the sum of fifteen Hundred Dollars for Town Schools. and it passed in the negative.

Voted to raise the sum of four Hundred and fifty Dollars for the support of a High School, And to authorize the General School Committee to determine the time and place where said School shall be kept.

And the Muting was dissolved.

Attest. Charles Prentiss. T, Clerk,

The Select men appointed
Emory Turner. Sealer of weights & Measures
Samuel Hall Sexton for the Central burying Ground
Liberty Wood, Auctioneer,

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

L.S. L.S. L.S.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to Meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the first day of April Next at one O'Clock in the afternoon, then and there to give in their votes to the Select Men for a County Commissioner to fill a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners for said County caused by the resignation of Jared Ward Esquire. And to act on the following articles; viz: . . . . . .

1st. To Choose a Moderator of said Muting.

2nd To see if the Town will authorize their Prudential School Committee to engage their School Teachers the present year or act there on as they think proper, ...

3rd. To see what use the Town will make of any unappropriated Money Secured by Mortgage on Real estate. provided such Money or any part thereof should be paid in the present year

4th To hear the request of Ethan Allen on the Exchange of Bridges near his Gun Factory, and act thereon. —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the public Muting houses in the Centre of said town ten days at least before the time for—

Holding said meting . . . . . .

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of holding said Meting, ...

Given under our hands and seals this eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, ...

Benja Kingsbury } Selectmen
Jos. Batchelder } of
Liberty Woods, } Grafton,

Worcester, ss.
April 1st. 1839.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meting houses in the Centre of said Town pursuant to the directions in said warrant, ...

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A True Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk, —

At a legal Meting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections, and in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the first day of April 1839. pursuant to warning The following proceedings were had viz: —

For County Commissioner Nathan Heard, had thirty six votes,
John W. Lincoln " thirty two votes,
Wm A. Green " Two Votes. —

Art. 1st. By ballot chose Charles Brigham Jr. Moderator, —

Art 2nd Voted to authorise their Prudential School Committee to engage their School Teachers the present year.

Art 3rd voted Should there be any money paid in to the Town now secured by Mortgage, that it be paid on Town debts that are on interest.
voted that the Selectmen and Town treasurer are authorised to receive and pay out all such Moneys which may be paid in on Debts the Town owe and are on interest.

Art 4th Voted. That the Committee on Bridges examine the Bridges Mentioned in this article, and make their report at a future adjourned Meting. . . . . .

And this Meting is adjourned to Monday April 15th Inst. at 3. O'Clock P. M. at this place, — — — — — — — — —

Attest. Charles Prentice, T. Cler,

April 15th 1839. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the first Instant the following further proceedings were had, viz:.....

Art. 4th. The Town voted to accept the report of the Committee on Bridges, in the exchange of Bridges with Ethan Allen on condition he fulfills his agreement as is stated viz: to widen the road about three feet, and put — railings on the Bridge he exchanges, ...

Art. 3rd The Town voted to reconsider the vote passed on this article the last Meeting to pay out all Money paid in to the Town of the Surplus Money, on debts the Town owe and are on interest.....

Voted if any Money is paid in to the Town of the Surplus Money, to appropriate five hundred Dollars of it to defray Town Charges the present year. and the remainder pay on Town debts that are on interest, ...

And the Meeting was dissolved

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

[SS] To either of the Constables of the Town of
[SS] Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting.
[SS] In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to Meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the 15th day of April currant at four O'Clock P. M. — then and there to act on the following articles, to Wit: —

1st. To Choose a Moderator of said Meeting
2nd To hear the report of any out Standing Committee and act thereon. —
3rd. To accept town debts, ...

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in the centre of said town nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. —

Hereof fail not and Make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Select-Men at or before the time and place of said Meeting, —

Given under our hands and Seals this Sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty Nine. —

Benja Kingsbury
Joseph Batchelder
Liberty Wood
} Select-Men of Grafton.

Worcester, ss. April 15th 1839. — I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in the centre of said Town pursuant to the directions in said warrant. Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A Copy Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fifteenth day of April A.D. 1839. pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had; Viz: — 1. — — —

Art. 1st. By ballot Chose Joseph Brum. Moderator of said Meeting

Art. 2d. Voted to accept the Committees account on Bridges, which bill amounts to — — — $62..18

The Town voted to accept the report of the Committee Chosen to Make a new devision of Their School Money which is in the following words — and figures; viz: — — — —

The Committee appointed by the inhabit-ants of the Town of Grafton at a legal Meeting, held March 25th 1839 — to Make a New devision of the Money (raised and appropriated by said Town, for the Support of their Primary Schools) among the several School districts, have attended to that duty and report: — — —

No. 1. To receive	14 1/2	Joseph Brum
No. 2 "	" 7 1/2	Silas Forbush Jr.
No. 3 "	" 8	Lewis Holbrook.
No. 4 "	" 8	Royal Keith.
No. 5 "	" 8 1/2	Charles Brigham Jr
No. 6 "	" 12 1/2	Joseph Merriam Jr
No. 7 "	" 7 1/2	Joshua W. Leland
No. 8 "	" 8.	
No. 9 "	" 18.	
No. 10 "	" 7 1/2.	
	$100.	

Voted to allow Sabra Sibley forty five dollars, and pay the Doctors bills, and funeral charges of her Mother in addition to what the Town has heretofore allowed and paid her; — — — — — — — — — — — —

And the Meeting was dissolved. — — —

Attest, Charles Prentice, T. Clerk

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Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to Notify and Warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the third day of June next at four o. Clock P.M. to act on the following articles; viz: —

1st To Bring in their Votes to the Select Men for a County Commissioner, to fill a vacancy in the Board of Commissioners for said County, caused by the resignation of Jared Reed Esq.?: —

2nd To choose a Moderator. — . — . — . —

3rd To See if the Town will grant leave to Calvin W. Forbush & others, to Level, Fence & otherwise ornament the Common, in the Centre of said Town, at their own expense, agreeable to a petition of Edward B. Bigelow & others, or act thereon as they may think proper. — . —

4th To See if the Town will Furnish the Engine Company in the Centre of the Town attached to Engine No. 1. with thirty Six Buckets, for the use of said Company, agreeable to a petition of William G. Morse & others, or act thereon as they may think proper: —

5th To See if the Town will provide a place for the accomodation of the High School the present year, or act thereon as they may think proper: —

You are directed to Serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Centre of said Town nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. — Hereof fail Not and Make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Select men at the time & place of holding said Meeting Given under our hands this Twenty Second day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty nine

Benj[a] Kingsbury
Liberty Wood
Noah Kimball
} Select Men of Grafton

Worcester, ss.
June 3rd. 1839.

I have Served the within warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in the Centre of said Town Pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

A. Copy. Attest. Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk.

Caleb Fiske Jr. Constable of Grafton

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs. held at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the third day of June A. D. 1839. pursuant to warning; the following proceedings were had; to wit: .....

Art. 1st. The whole number of Ballots given in for a County Commissioner is Eighty one. and were for the following persons, viz.

Nathan Heard. had Sixty one Votes
John W. Lincoln had Sixteen — Votes
Salem Towne — had one — Vote
Nathaniel Greene had one — Vote
William N. Green had one — Vote
Benjamin Wingsbury had one — Vote

Art. 2nd By Ballot. chose Joseph Brown Moderator. —

Art. 3rd. Voted to grant the Prayer of Edward B. Bigelow and others. to Level. Fence. and otherwise ornament the Common as far as it can be done legally. —

Voted to choose a Committee of five to see that the Public is not ingringed upon. —

By vote chose Lovel Baker
Perley Goddard
Joseph Brown
Phillip Wing
Henry Parker.
} for. Said Committee

Art 4th Voted to furnish thirty five Buckets for Engine No. 1. agreeable to the Petition of Wm G. Morse & others. —

Voted to choose a Committee of three.

By vote chos William G. Morse
Joseph F. Rice —
Willard J. Wood.
} for said — Committee

Art. 5th Voted to pass over this article. .....

And the Meeting was dissolved

Attest. Charles Prentiss. T. Clerk,

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Worcester, ss.

L.S. L.S. L.S. L.S. L.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:—
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to Notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections, to Meet at the Town Hall in Grafton, on Monday the Eleventh day of November next, at Eleven o' clock A. M. being the Second Monday in said Month, To bring in their Votes to the Select-men, for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for six Senators, for the District of Worcester, to be voted for all upon one Ballot, for the year ensuing:—

Also To bring in their Votes for a County Commissioner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Jared Wood. Esq.

Also To determine the number of Representatives the Town will Choose the present year:—

Also to bring in their Votes on one Ballot, for one or more Representatives, to represent said Town in the next General Court, to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday in January next.

The Polls will be Opened at half past Twelve O' Clock for the reception of Votes for all the above named Officers, and different Boxes will be provided, in order to receive the votes all at the same time:—

And you are also directed to Notify the inhabitants above named, to Meet on said day and at the place above named at four O' clock. P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles; viz:—

1st To choose a Moderator of said Meeting.
2nd To see if the Town will Choose an Agent, and duly authorize him to recover to Silas Forbush Jr. a Mortgage given by Joel Forbush to said Silas, and by him assigned to the Town of Grafton to secure the payment of Seven Hundred & fifty four 23/100 Dollars, or act thereon as they may think proper:
3rd To see if the Town will fence in the Indian Burying Ground, or act thereon:
4th To accept Town Debts:
5th To Hear the report of any out Standing committees:—

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at Each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Centre of said Town, ten days at least before the Time of holding said Meeting:—

Here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to us, on or before the hour of said Meeting:—

Given under our hands and seals this Twenty eighth day of October—

(Continued up:)

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and thirty nine

Benja Kingsbury
Elijah Kimball.
Joseph Batchelder
Liberty Wood.
Noah Kimball.
} Select men of Grafton.

A True Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice, T. Clerk.

Worcester, ss, November 11th 1839.
Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the said inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, to Meet at the within time and place and for the purpose within Mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of this warrant at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Centre of said Town ten days before the date hereof. — — — — — — — — —

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A True Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice, T. Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on monday the Eleventh day of November A. D. 1839. being the second Monday of said Month, pursuant to warning, the whole number of votes given in for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and six Senators, on one Ballot were sorted Counted recorded and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed and were for the following persons, viz: ——————

For Governor
Edward Everett. Two Hundred forty four votes,
Marcus Morton, One Hundred ninety eight votes,
William Jackson. Four votes, —.

For Lieutenant Governor
George Hull. Two Hundred forty four votes,
Nathan Willis, One Hundred ninety eight votes,
Amasa Walker, four votes, — — —

For Senators.
James G. Carter. Two hundred six votes.
Thomas Kinnicutt, Two hundred five votes,
Artimas Lee, Two hundred seven votes,
James Allen, Two hundred five votes,
Samuel Wood, one hundred sixty eight votes,
Charles C. P. Hastings, one hundred thirty eight votes,
John Spurr one hundred ninety five votes
Nathaniel Wood one hundred ninety six votes, —

For Senators. Continued. —

Jedediah Marcy, one hundred ninety six votes,
Charles Sibley, one hundred ninety six votes,
Benjamin Estabrook, one hundred ninety six votes,
James Estabrook, one hundred ninety five votes,
Charles Allen. Twenty four votes. —
Saul Whiting. Nineteen votes. ——
Pliny Merbick, Twenty seven votes, —
Amory Holman, Thirty three votes, —
Seneca Hills, Thirty five votes, ——.
Otis Hayden, Thirty five votes, ——.
Aaron Brooks Jun.r Thirty five votes, —
Joseph Day, nine votes, ——.
Elias Forbes, five votes, ——.
Luke Leland, Two votes, ——.
Daniel F. Newton. one vote, —
Emory Washburne, one vote, —
Joseph Bruce, one vote, —
Noah Kimball. one vote.
Emory Harrington one vote,
Charles Thurber. one vote. —

For County Commissioner } Nathan Heard, one hundred ninety four votes,
Adam Harrington, one hundred eighty eight votes
John W. Lincoln. forty four votes. —

The Town voted to send two Representatives, the present year.
The whole number of Ballots were four hundred and fifty seven. and were for the following persons; viz: —
Silas Forbush Jr. Two hundred twenty eight votes,
Charles Brigham Jr. Two hundred Twenty seven votes,
Oliver M. Brigham, one hundred eighty eight votes,
Noah Kimball, one hundred forty nine votes
Joseph Bruce, sixty one votes,
Lewis Holbrook, Nine votes,
Charles Brigham, two votes,
Liberty Wood, two votes,
Jonathan Warren one vote,
Luke Leland, one vote,
James S. Gowen. one vote,
Joshua W. Leland one vote,
Otis Adams one vote
Charles B. Jenckes, one vote,
And there was no choice made for a Representative and this Meeting was dissolved. ——

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk,

At a Town meting held the same day pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had, viz :—

Art. 1st By Ballot chose Silas Forbush Junr. Moderator of said Meting.

Art. 2nd. By vote chose Charles Brigham, Agent, to reconvey the Mortgage mentioned in this article.

Art. 3rd. The Town voted to fence the Indian Burying Ground on the road side.

Voted to have a Committee of three persons.

By vote chose Phillip Wing
" " " Luke Leland
" " " Oliver M. Brigham, for said Committee to carry this article into effect.

Art. 4th Voted to accept the following accounts

Lewis Holbrook's acct for making taxes for the year 1839.	22.50
Samuel Houghton acct. for making taxes for the year 1839.	18.75

Voted to take up the fifth article

Art. 5th. Voted to reconsider the Vote of acting on this article

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 25th instant at 3 O' Clock P.M. at this place;—

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk,

November 25th 1839 The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the Eleventh Instant. the following further proceedings were had; viz:—

Voted to accept the Agents account for defending the Suit of Robert Lavity vs. said Town of Groton Art. 5th.	$72.66
The Town voted to accept the Committees account for repairing the Buildings of the Towns Poor Farm	177.82
Art. 4th Voted to accept Phillip Wings acct for making Taxes for the year 1839.	30.23
Voted to accept Nathan Hancocks account for Stove & furnish for the Town's High School.	13.85
Voted to accept James H. Cheneys acct for services rendered for the accomodation of the Towns high School.	25.00

The Town voted to reconsider the vote passed on the acceptance of the two last accounts: viz:
Nathan Hancock and James H. Cheney.

And the Meting was dissolved.—

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting.—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to met at the Town House in said Grafton on Monday the second day of March next at twelve o'Clock at noon to act on the following articles Viz:— —. —. —. —

1st. To choose all Necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. —

2nd To Bring in their votes for a County Treasury. —

3rd To Hear the annual Report of the Select men and act Thereon. —

4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Schooling, and to defray all other necessary town charges the year ensuing. — —

5th To raise Money for the repairs of High ways, Town ways and Bridges the ensuing year, and to the What Method the Town will adopte in laying out the same. — —. —. —. —. —.

6th To see if the Treasurer shall be collector of Taxes the ensuing year, and if so to determine his compensation and the abatements to be made on Taxes paid in 30. 60. and 120. days from the time the tax bills shall be committed to the collector. — —. —. —. — —

7th To see if the Town will fix a time within which all Taxes shall be paid and to determine the measures to be taken with those who neglect to pay within that time.

8th To see if the Town will defray the same Charges for burials the present year as they have done the past. — —

9th. To see if the Town will cause one of the Bells to be rung at 12. M. and at 9 P. M. during the year. — —.

10th. To see if the Town will cause a new division of their School Money. —

11th To see if the Town will procure twenty five Fire Buckets, for the Union Engine Company New England Village. —

12th To Hear the report of any out standing Committees. —

13th To hear the Petition of Jonathan Wheeler Esqr. in regard to removing the Town's Powder House from off his land and rebuilding it on the Towns burying ground at his own expense or act thereon as they may think proper, — —. — — — —

14th. To see if the Town will take any measures for correcting an error in the location of one of the Monuments, between the Town of Grafton and Shrewsbury or act thereon as they shall think proper, —. —.—

15th. To see if the Town will take any measures to straiten the line between upton and Grafton, according to the original Layout, and Record of the same, —.

16th To see what order the Town will take on the Petition of Ebenezer Lelands and others praying for an alteration or new location of a portion of the road from Leonard S. Whitcomb's House to where Shrewsbury line crosses said road - Also from Andrus Marches House to intersect with said road, —

17th. To see if the Town will cause a Copy of all town warrants for calling Town Mutings to be posted up at the Meeting house in New England Village, —

18th To see if the Town will choose a Committee to prosecute the suit now pending between this Town and the Town of Worthington, or act thereon as they may think proper, —

19th. See what measures the Town will take in regard to the damages claimed by a Mr. Rawson of Westborough in not setting his Carriage in New England Village, —

20th To hear the report of the Selectmen on the Petition of Salmon Hathaway and others in regard to the layout or Straitening the road leading from near Kimballs Village so called to near the house of Henrietta Willard or act thereon, —

21st. To bring in their votes for a county Commissioner, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Jared Lincoln Esqr.

22nd. To see if the Town will raise Money for the support of a high School the ensuing year, —

23rd To see if the Town will provide a place for the accomodation of the High School. —

24th To see if the Town will procure fifty Two feet of Hose, for the use of Engine Company attached to Engine No. 1. Grafton Centre

25th. To see if the Town will so far alter School Districts No. 3. and No. 8. as to annex Jon.a W. Stow to District No. 3. according to Petition of Jon.a W. Stow and others or act thereon as they may think proper. —

26th. To see if the Town will cause the well upon the Town farm to be dug to a sufficient depth to afford a sufficiency of water for the use of the House attached to the farm. —

27th To accept Town debts. —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Muting Houses in the Centre of said town ten days at least before the time for Holding said Muting

Here of fail not and Make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Holding said Muting.

Given under our hands and Seals this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord

one thousand eight hundred and forty. — .

Benja Kingsbury
Joseph Batchelder
Liberty Wood
Noah Kimball
} Select men of Grafton

A. True copy
attst. Charles Prentice. Town, Clerk,

Worcester, ss. Grafton March 2nd 1840. —
I have served the within warrant, by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Muting Houses in the Centre of said ~~Town~~ Grafton, Pursuant to the directions in said Warrant. —

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton.

A. True Copy
Attst. Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk, —

At a legal muting of the Inhabitants of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the second day of March A.D. 1840. Pursuant to warning, the following procedings were had to Wit: —

Art 1st By Ballot chose Charles Brigham Jr. Moderator, —
The Town then voted to take up the 21st. Article
Art. 21. Adam Harrington had one hundred seventy two votes,
Nathan Heard had one hundred sixty nine votes,
John W. Lincoln had Two votes for County Commissioner,
Took up the first Article By vote. —

Art 1st By Ballot chose — Liberty Wood } Sworn march 5. 1840.
By Ballot chose Silas Forbush Junr. — } Sworn Select men, Mar. 5. 1840.
" " " Esek Saunders — } of
" " " Leonard Wheelock — } Sworn.
" " " Jonathan Warren. — } Grafton

By Ballot chose Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk. Sworn March 2. 1840.
Voted To take up the second article
Art 2d For County Treasurer. — .
Anthony Chase, had one hundred and fifty votes. — .

Took up the first Article by vote.

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Phillip Wing } Assessors. Sworn May 1. 1840.
" " " Charles Brigham Jr. } Sworn May 1. 1840.
" " " Chandler M. Pratt, }

And the Meeting was adjourned to Thursday next at 12. O' Clock at Noon. at this place.

Attest

Charles Prentice, Town. Clerk. —

March 5th 1840. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the second instant, the following further proceedings were had; to wit:

The Town voted to take up the first article, —

Art 1st. By Ballot Chose David Jourdan. Select-man in place of Esek Saunders, declined serving. —
" " Chose Frederick Waterman, Select man in place of Jonathan Warren. declined serving. —

Frederick Waterman Sworn march 5. 1840
David Jourdan. Sworn March 6. 1840. To the faithful discharge of their duty as Select Men for the year ensuing —

Attest Charles Prentice, T. Clerk. —

By Ballot Chose
Liberty Wood. Town Treasury

The Town voted. that the Select men shall be overseers of the poor the ensuing year. . . . . .

By Ballot Chose Otis Adams } General school Committees
Charles Brigham Jr } General school Committees
Chandler M. Pratt. }

Voted To Choose Two Constables the present year
voted to choose the remainder of the Town Officers by hand vote
voted to reconsider the vote last past in part, to wit:-
That the Constables shall be Chosen By Ballots. —.

By Ballot Chose Charles Prentice. — } Constables of Grafton. — Sworn March 5th 1840. — .
" " " Leonard S. Wheelock }

voted. to Choose twelve Highway Surveyors. the present year.

By vote Chose Abraham M. Bigelow } Sworn May 13. 1840.
Royal A. Keith. } Sworn April 11 1840.
Lewson Munyan } Sworn apl. 6. 1840.
Joseph Adams.
Charles Meriam } Sworn apl. 8. 1840.
Jacob Harding,
Austin Holbrook
Waterman A. Fisher
Jonathan Sibley. } Sworn June 16. 1840
John C. Knowlton } Sworn apl. 29. 1840.
George Webster } Sworn apl. 6. 1840.
Holland Greenwood, } Sworn July 24. 1840. —

Voted the Severale Highway Surveyors be collectors of Highway Taxes the ensuing year. . . .

By vote chose Royal Kuhn } Fence viewers.
" " " Otis Adams. }
" " " Charles Putnam }
" " " Rufus E. Warren } Sworn March 12. 1840. Sealers of
" " " Edward B. Bigelow } Leather.
" " " Phillip Wing. }
" " " William G. Morse } Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted to have Twelve Measurers of wood the ensuing year. appointed by the Selectmen. who are as follows.—

Rufus E. Warren } Sworn March 12. 1840.
" Winthrop Faulkner. } Sworn March . 1840.
Declined Noah Kimball.
Declined James H. Cheney
Luther Wright
Samuel Houghton
Jefferson Bellows. } Sworn March 12. 1840.
" Waterman A. Fisher
Chandler M. Pratt.
Declined Joseph Batchelder
Solomon B. Whitlock.
Levi N. Leland } Sworn a/t. 6. 1840.
Frederick Waterman.

Healy Baker. appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures. who come forward and was Sworn March. 12. 1840.

Voted to have Twelve Firewards the ensuing year ~~appointed by the Selectmen, who are as follows, to wit:~~

By vote chose Warren Brigham } Fire wards.
" " John W. Slocomb.
" " James S. Green
" " Calvin W. Forbush
" " Chandler M. Pratt.
" " Oliver M. Brigham
" " Liberty Wood
" " Charles B. Jenks.
" " Otis Adams.
" " Charles Goddard
" " Luther Wright
" " Reuben Eames
" " John G. Holden } Sworn April 8. 1840. Field Drivers.
" " Daniel Whitney } Sworn April 10. 1840.
" " Leander S. Pratt. Sworn Aug.t 17. 1840. Pound Keeper.

By vote chose Phillip Wing } Auditing Committee
Jonathan Whipple } on accounts.
Oliver M. Brigham }

Voted to take up the the 12th. Article.

Art. 12. Voted to accept the report of the Committee on Bridges and Sluices which is in words and figures; to wit:—

The Committee Chosen by the Town of Grafton to Cause all Bridges to be kept in repair that have Sluce Ten feet wide and upwards in said Town, have attended to that duty and report. —
That they have within the year built a new bridge at or near Farnum upper factory so called and across the race way. — The old bridge was undermining by the water and was deemed by your Committee unsafe for the traveller, the new bridge is an arch built of Stone over a Sluce of about thirtun feet, and is about Twenty four feet long at an expence of $88.88 — and they have repaired various other bridges by new planking, railing &c — to an expence of $61.72 — including about five hundred feet of plank now on hand, and 20 or 30 pounds of Spikes.

expence on new bridge as above . . .	$88.88
on all others including plank &c. . .	61.72
	150.60
Cr. By Town order . — . — . — .	139.85
Balance due against the Town . — .	10.75

All of which is respectfully submitted. — . —
Grafton Feb. 29. 1840. —

Philip Wing
Luke Leland
Perley Goddard
Charles Brigham Jr.
Joshua W. Leland
} Committee

Voted to accept the report of the General School committee
Voted to have one thousand Copies of the report Printed,
Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to get the report printed,
Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen which is in the words and figures following. —

Report of the Selectmen for the expenses of the Town of Grafton, for the year ending on the 29th day of Feb. 1840. —

Cost of Town Farm.	$3086.73
Stock now on the farm, Farming ~~tools~~ Hay, grain, and other produce, provisions in the House House hold furniture including Stoves, — — ..	1024.57
Total amount of both real & personal property at the Town farm . — . — .	$4111.30

Interest on the farm at 5 per cent. . — .	154.33
Agents salary . — . — . — .	300.00
Amount of Money paid sundry Bills through the hands of the agent. — . — . — . — .	221.07
Physicians Bill . — . — . — . — .	12.40
Paid S. & J. J. Griggs Bill. — . — . — .	15.64
Paid for Stock . — . — . — .	90.00
Paid Wood Kimball & Co. Bill. — . — . —	15.82
Total —	$809.26

(Over)

Cr By

By amount of Cash received for produce and from off the Farm.	155.24
State pauper fund received	60.59
Note due the establishment	28.25
Sundry Bills due small bills	7.87
Balance in the hands of agent.	14.17
By cash received for Pigs	5.00
Addition of Stock above last year.	62.50
Betterments in bedding Clothing Stove &c	25.00
Amount of Cr.	$ 358.62
Total amount of Debt brought over.	809.26
Amount of Credit brought down	358.62
Leaving a Balance of.	$ 450.64

Whole number of persons assisted on the farm during the year ten – whole number of weeks board 318. average number of persons $6\frac{3}{26}$ average cost per week of board & clothing about $1.40. To which if we deduct the difference of per centage on appraisal between this year and last the cost will be about $1.10. per week or about the same as in the two preceding years, – – – – – – – – – – – – – – – – – –

A Statement of expenses of Paupers assisted in whole or in part away from the farm. –

W.d Ruth Davis	26.50
W.d Catherine Whipple.	27.04
paid for Silas Fay through his sickness at Worcester in board and Clothing.	29.21
paid for Clothing & boarding Ellen Barrett.	14.60
paid State Lunatic Hospital.	11.23
Mary A. Lathe for support of Childe.	12.00
Paid for removing Satira Burpee to State of Maine.	10.00
Paid in support of Milton Clark & family	35.41
Henry Smith & family	44.07
William Lamb for board & Clothing	58.90
Elmira Brooks & family	53.35
Harry L. Arnold	12.50
Paid in support of John L. Knapp & family	25.46
Total.	$ 355.27

Cr.

Returned from the Town of Sutton.	25.46
Do from the Town of Upton.	30.00
" from the town of Sharon.	29.00
paid from the Town of Worthington	130.00
To be refunded from the town of Sharon.	11.80
due from the State in funeral charges & board of Harry L. Arnold in his last sickness	7.11
Due from the State in support of Henry Smith	10.15
Total.	$ 243.52

Total amount of expenses paid off Farm. — . 355.27
Deduct the amount refunded & due. — . 243.52
Whole number of persons off the farm assisted during the year twenty seven. — } $. 111.75
Whole number of persons relieved by the town during the year In whole or in part thirty eight. — . — . — }
Amount of cost for supporting paupers during the year including interest on farm over and above receipts for the year five hundred sixty two dollars and thirty nine cents. — Whole cost including interest. — $805.91
Receipts for the year. — . 243.52
$. 562.39

The Select men further report that they have settled with Liberty Wood Treasurer and find the standing of Town as follows, — — — — —
Paid through hands of the Treasurer up to the 29th of Feb. 1840. —

Paid for District schools . — . — .	$1500.00
Paid for high school . — . — .	365.55
Paid for abatement on Taxes . — .	52.32
Assessors wages . — . — .	70.90
Paid Anthony Chase County Treasurer. — .	660.48
" Committee on Bridges . — .	202.03
" Committee on repair of Buildings on Town farm.	169.38
" Committee in defence of a law suit with Lavity.	72.66
Amount paid on the Moses Adams Note.	283.00
Paid interest on Note at Boston. —	150.00
Paid Engine Men . — . — .	16.64
Paid out Standing orders. — . — .	42.67
Amount of Sundary orders paid through Treasurers Hands. — — .	1638.42
Total. — —	$. 5224.05

Resources of the Town. —

Dr. To balance on hand last year.	$. 725.94
To amount of Town Grant. — . —	3150.50
over layings on all the Taxes — . — .	53.28
County Tax. — . — .	660.48
Amount of Money refunded from the Town of Sutton.	25.46
State pauper fund received. — . — .	60.59
Sale of Town Maps. — .	7.32
Cash received on Silas Forbush Jr. Note. — .	774.72
Interest on Notes due the Town — . — .	206.76
Interest on E. Singletary's Note School funds. — .	60.00
State school fund rec'd. — . — .	91.69
Received in part on Isaac W. Woods note. — .	350.00
Cash refunded from the Town of Upton. .	30.00
Cash refunded from the Town of Sharon. — .	29.00
Cash refunded from the Town of Worthington.	139.30
Total —	$. 6364.54

Amount Brought over. — . —	$.6364.54
Brought over. — . — . —	5224.05
Balance in the Treasury . — .	$.1140.49
Balance in favor of the Town. Outstanding orders	
Also unappropriated funds in the hands of the Treasurer Secured by Mortgage on real estate. . .	$4300.00

All of which is respectfully submitted. —

Benja. Kingsbury
Elijah Kimball
Joseph Batchelder
Liberty Wood
Noah Kimball
} Selectmen of Grafton,

The Town took up the fourth Article

Art. 4. Voted to raise the sum of Eleven Hundred and forty Dollars for the support of Schooling the present year. —
Voted to raise the sum of fifteen Hundred Dollars to defray all necessary Town Charges the ensuing year. —

Art. 5. Voted to raise the sum of one Thousand Dollars for the repairs of High-ways, to be laid out in Labor as heretofore done. —
Voted to raise the sum of Two hundred Dollars in a money Tax for the repairs of Bridges and Sluice ways that are ten feet wide and over
Voted to Choose a committee of three to lay out the Two hundred Dollars on Bridges &c.

By Vote chose Phillips Wing
David Jones
Luke Leland
} the committee

Voted to add two more to the committee

By Vote Chose Perley Goddard
" " " Ebenezer Leland.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Thursday the 12th instant at 12. O' Clock at noon —

Attest. Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk,

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March 12th. 1840. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 5th instant, the following further proceedings were had; to wit: —
The Town Voted to take up the first article. —
Voted to Choose the Collector of Taxes by Ballot.
By Ballot Chose Healy Baker. Collector of Taxes the ensuing year, who bid off the collection of the Taxes at 1 1/8 per Cent. by his giving Bond to —

the satisfaction of the Select men. —
By vote chose Esek Saunders fireward in plan of Eliz Adams who declined serving —
By Vote Chose Edward B. Bigelow, Fence Viewer in plan of Eliz Adams who declined serving
By vote chose Oliver M. Brigham, General School Committee man, in plan of Chandler M. Pratt, declined the offices —

Voted to collect all Poll Taxes in thirty days after the Tax Bill is delivered into the hands of the Collector; And that the remainder of all Taxes be collected by the first day of January next. And those who neglect to pay their Taxes by the first day of January next. That they be collected according to Law.

The Town Voted to pay the Sexton for digging Graves, and Tolling the Bell, the same this year as they have the last.

Art 9. Voted to have one of the Bells rung at 12. M. and at 9. P. M. during the year.

Art. 10. Voted to pass over this article

Art 11. voted that the Town procure twenty five fire Buckets for Union Engine Company New England Village. —

Art. 13. Voted to grant the Petition of Jonathan Wheeler Esq: in removing the Powder House as set fourth in this article. —

on the 13th Article Moved as follows; viz:
To Grant the Prayer of the Petition of Jonathan Wheeler in regard to his removing the Town's Powder House from off his Land and rebuilding the same of Brick at his own expence on the Town's burying Ground of the same dimentions, he having the benefit of the Materials in the old one in erecting the new one.

To have a Committee of three to agree on its Location and superintends the building and finishing thereof. —

By Vote chose Phillip Wing
Perley Goddard
Pardon Aldrich } Committee —

Art. 14. voted the Selectmen to attend to this article in having the monument put in its right place. —

Art. 15. voted to pass over this article. —

Art. 16. voted to choose a committee of five to attend to this Article. —

By vote chose A. S. Smith. Joseph Bruce. Luke Leland. Pardon Aldrich and Oliver M. Brigham for said Committee.

Art. 17. Voted that a Copy of all Town Warrants for calling Town Mutings be posted up at New England Village,

Art. 18. Voted to pass over this article. —

Art. 19. Voted to refer this article to the Select Men, to act on it as they see fit. —

Art. 20 Voted to accept the Report of the Select Men on this article that it is unnecessary to grant the Prayer of the Petitioners. —

Art. 22. Voted to pass over this Article. —

Art. 23. Voted to pass over this article. —

Art 24. Voted that the Town purchase the fifty two feet of Hose Mentioned in this Article at thirty Cents per foot or half price the cost of new including the Boxes. —

Art. 25. Voted to Choose a Committee of three to attend to this article. —

By vote Chose Phillip Wing, Jonathan Sibley and Samuel Harrington, } for said Committee

Art. 26. Voted to leave this article to the discretion of the Selectmen to lay out as much in lowering the well Mentioned in this article as they think proper. —

Art. 4. Voted that the Money raised for schooling be devided in the same way as it was the last year. —

Art. 11. Voted to Choose a Committee of three to procure the twenty five Fire buckets Mentioned in this Article. —

By vote Chose Charles B. Jenks, Chandler M. Pratt, A. J. Smith. } for said Committee

Art. 27. Voted to accept & allow M. G. Clarks Account for visiting Schools. — $7.00

And the Muting was adjourned to the last Monday of March. current at 2. O' clock P. M. —

Attest. Charles Prentiss. Town Clerk,

Sibley Wood and Joshua Harrington } appointed Auctioneers

Healy Baker Sealer of Weight and Measures, Sworn.

March 30th 1840. At an adjourned Muting from the 12th Inst. the Town having met pursuant there of ~~and~~ the following further proceedings wire had; to wit:—

The Town voted to accept the following amounts.

Joseph H. Whitney's amount as sexton. —		$14.00
Lovell Baker Jr. " —		1.00
E. W. Bartlett & Co. for Painting.		17.00
Samuel Hall as Sexton.		87.50
Benjamin Kingsbury acct		7.87
William G Morse " —		2.86
Thomas C. Biscoe " —		20.00
John Jenning " —		22.00
Cazenau Palfrey " —		21.00
Liberty Wood " —		12.00

Voted

That the several amounts exhibited to the town for — acceptance for Men and ox labor in breaking out the roads the past winter be recommitted to the auditing committee on amounts. — and that they allow pay only for oxen during the time used. —

Took up the nineteenth article

Art. 19. after hearing the Select men's report on this article the Town voted that the Select men shall take charge of this article To do and act as they shall think proper. — The Town voted to accept the report and the amount of the Committee chosen to build a Tomb on the Towns burying grounds, which is in words and figures as follows viz:

The Committee chosen at a legal Muting held by the Votable inhabitants of Grafton for the purpose of building a Tomb in the Central burying ground; viz:— and. Albert Stone, Pardon Aldrich and Samuel Hall, Have attended that service and ask leave to report as follows, Agreed with Jeremiah S. Holmes to build a Tomb with the exceptions of a door, for the sum of eighty five dollars, in the following Manner. to be thirteen feet by seven in the clear, wall two feet thick with good face Stones laid in morter, covering Stones to be nine feet long. jointed and mortared Together with three loads of Clay Made in Morter to cover the same, Two hammered Stones each Side of door four feet 3 inches wide by three feet 7 inches high, one cap Stone hammered two feet Six inches wide and eleven feet long, and the earth raised in the centre as high as the Cap Stone properly — Roped off each way, the wing walls to be layed with good face Stones in morter a proper distance to keep up the bank, two Stone Steps making three feet fall, and six bolts to fasten Stones together —

and two hooks to hang Door on, Also agreed with the said Holmes to make a good and convenient road too and from said Tomb for the sum of five Dollars, — your committee made some enquiry of some persons that had built Tombs as to the expense and we was told that it would cost more than we antisipated here at the time the committee was chosen. — — — —

Also agreed with Albert Stone to procure an Iron Door as reasonable as he could wright of Door 226½ lbs — at 4½ cents per lb. $10.19 To Carting the same 50 cents — Making $10.69 in all. — . Also agreed with Samuel Hall to Make the Hinges and other Irons for tomb — and painting Tomb Door. $4.25. — — — —

cost of Jeremiah S. Holmes act. — . . $90.00
Albert Stone's act. — . 10.69
Samuel Halls act. — 4.25
$.104.94

All of which your committee respectfully submit to the Town for accept ance Grafton March 25. 1840.

Pardon Aldrich
Samuel Hall. —

Art. 25. The town Voted to accept the report of the committee on this article. which is in words following; to Wit: —

The committee chosen by town of Grafton to take into consideration the propriety of taking Jonathan W. Stow from school District No. 8. and annexing him to District No. 3. have attended to that duty, and report. — — That in their opinion it is expedient that he be set off together with his Mother, and the family occupying his House on the opposite side of the road according to their requests and for that purpose they recomend an alteration in the District line between No. 8. and No. 3. as follows. — — Begining at a Spring on the Easterly side of the road leading from Joseph Prentiss to Jeremiah Flagg's on the line between Joseph Prentiss and Jeremiah Flagg's lands, and now known as a bound, thence running Easterly, in a direct line on District No. 8. to the North West corner of Jonathan W. Stows Barn (a bound) thence due East by said District to Upton line thence South by said line till it intersects with the line of No. 3. — .

All of which is respectfully submitted.

March 30. 1840 —

Philip Wing
Jonathan Sibley
Sam[l] Harrington
} Committee

Art. 27. Voted to allow Charles Prentiss act. — $29.79

And the Meeting was adjourned to the first Monday of April next at 4.0' clock P. M.

Attest Charles Prentiss Town Clerk.

Worcester ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. —— Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the Sixth day of April Next at one O'Clock in the afternoon, then and there to give in their Votes to the Select men for a County Commissioner to fill a vacancy in the board of County Commissioners caused by the resignation of Jared Lord Esquire. To give in their Votes by Ballot for or against an article of amendment to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, ordered to be submitted to the People of this Commonwealth by a resolve of the General Court approved by the Governor March 10th 1840. and entitled resolves relating to a proposed article of amendment of the constitution.

And you are further directed to notify the said inhabitants qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the same day and place at 3. O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

1st. To choose a Moderator. —— .

2nd. To see if the Town will authorize their Prudential Committee of the several School Districts to hire their teachers the present year. —— .

3rd. To see if the Town will so divide their School Money so that each School now Taught in said Town shall be kept the same length of time, and act thereon.

4th To see what Method the Town will adopt in regards to furnishing seats for the Town Hall, or act thereon. —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the centre of said Town, and at the Meeting House in New England village nine days at least before the time for holding said Meeting. ——

Herein fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Select men at the time and place for holding said Meeting. ——

given under our hands and Seals this twenty Sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and forty. ——

Libirty Wood
Silas Forbush Jr
Leonard Whitcomb
David Jourdan
Frederick Watermans
} Select men of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton April 6. 1840. I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant. —

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton.

A true Copy Attest, Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk,

At a legal Muting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections, and in town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Sixth day of April A.D. 1840. Pursuant to warning. The following proceedings were had, to Wit: — . — . —
The whole number of Ballots given in for County Commissioner were one hundred and eighty, —
Nathan Heard had one hundred and two Votes.
Adam Harrington had seventy five votes. —
John W. Linfield had three votes. —.

The whole number of Ballots given in for and against the article of amendment of the Constitution. were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration there of Made, as by said resolve is directed, and were as follows, to Wit:—
For said amendment one hundred twenty eight Votes.
Against said amendment seventeen votes,

Art. 1. By Ballot chose Charles Brigham Jr. Moderator.
Art. 2. The Town voted the Prudential Committee of the several School Districts, hire their teachers for the ensuing year. — . — . — .
Art. 3. Voted to pass over this article — . — .
Art. 4. Voted to pass over this article — . — —
And the Muting was dissolved. —
Attest
Charles Prentiss. T. Cler,

April 6. 1840. The Town having met Pursuant to adjournment from the 30th March, on the annual March Muting Warrant, the following further proceedings were had; Viz:—
Art. 2nd. The Town voted to accept the following amounts for ox Labor in breaking out roads the winter past. to wit:—

Voted to accept Rufus E. Warren's act. —			$8.05
Also Joshua W. Edands	"		13.00
Harvey J. Pratt	"		7.74
Arvin Thompson's	"		9.50
Jonathan W. Stow	"		10.12
Timothy Meriam	"		8.50
Gabriel F. Wheler	"		1.50
Leonard Wheelock	"		5.25
Farrant Meriam	"		2.62
George W. Putnam	"		2.00
Sumner Dunsmoor	"		13.36
Rufus Eames	"		22.50
Joshua W. Edands	"		1.50
And the Muting was dissolved			$107.64

Attest, Charles Prentiss, T. Clerk,

Annual Return of the Names of all Persons enrolled in the Militia in the Town of Grafton for the year 1840.

H. D. P. Bigelow
Wyman Fay
Rufus Wesson Jr.
Jasper Gray
Abram Bigelow
George H. Rice
Winthrop Faulkner
Silas Winton
William Holden
William W. Ayres
James W. White
Charles D. Munroe
Samuel F. Redding
Barnum Blake
Russell W. Barry
James F. Goodale
Daniel A. Wesson
Joseph B. Duncan
Joseph F. Rice
Francis Rice
Stephen Rice
Levi Green
Moses Hill
James H. Cheney
Seneca Longdon
John S Swchey
Harrison Barrus
Charles Bura
Jason Putnam
Leander S. Pratt
Orin Dadmon
John Daniels
Levi L. Dashe
Daniel Wheelock
George H. Whitney
Noah Fletcher
John M. Hubbard
Samuel D. Hubbard
John B. White
Rufus B. Potter
William G. Morse
John L. Woods
Charles D. Hutchinson
Lardon A. Lee
Reuben Dodge
Barnabus Newton
Jonathan Whipple
William S Bruce
John Bruce
Francis Winn
Augustus Hayward
Albert Chase
Nathaniel C. Chase
William Pure 2nd
Charles Dunsmoor
George Holmes
Charles A. Pierce
Augustus Slocomb
Joslin Bigelow
Martin Faccett
Minot Amsden
Samuel A. Wheeler
John Rice
Liberty W. Wood
Solomon Trask
Leonard Fiske
George W. Hale
Sylvander Pratt
Nathan Hancock
Hanson Hancock
Thomas French
Lovell Baker Jr.
Thomas J. Griggs
Salem Griggs
Charles L. Heywood
Dexter Cole
Lewis Griggs
Daniel G. Prentice
John Stephens
Solomon D. Hall
Lovel Stow Jr
Smith Baker
Emory Singletary
Calvin W. Forbush
Healy Baker
Charles H. Fay
Ransford Whitney
Salisbury Sprague
Benjamin F. Green
Elibt Barber
Joseph B. Flagg
David Fisher
Royal T. Marble
Marvin Woods

Albert Hall
Solomon B. Wheelock
Gardner L. Wheelock
James J. Smith
Moses K. Shepherdson
Nathaniel Adams
Duncan Turner
William P. Mascroft
William D. Mascroft
Simeon B. Mascroft
Samuel A. Brigham
Willard Bellows
Jasper W. Putnam
Jonathan R. Putnam
William B. Collier
Elbridge Gerry
Samuel C. Flagg
Samuel H. Johnson
Oliver H. Perry
Josiah Norcross
Otis Pond
Thomas Twiss
Andrew Jennings
William Sampson
Luke Bass
James Gerry
Charles D. Hudson
Edward Smith
Alfred A. Eaton
Warren L. Gay
Orin Davis
Jabez L. Wright
John B. Rice
Thomas Aldrich
Lyus S. Cross
William N. Twiss
Hosea Spraguee
William Pierce
Samuel N. French
Asa F. Smith
Nathan S. Wheelock
Benjamin F. Wheeler
Nehemiah Upham
John M. Shande
Luther Nelson
Leander W. Grunwood
Ebenezer Goodwin
Solomon Brigham
George W. Smith

James L. Martin
Hanson F. Harrington
Eliab Richardson
James Grun
George Bussington
Jonathan Luther
Charles Johnson
William A. Knapp
Jonathan Wingate
William Boydon
James J. Hardin
James S. Penkham
Thomas J. Baker
James G. Putnam
Charles Putnam
James Burns
Jonas Munroe
David Chase
Walter Harrington
Freeman Nelson
John Putnam Jr
Ethan Allen
Charles Thurber
Stephen Richardson
Stephen A. Oliver
Paris Richmond
Samuel B Dolliver
Horatio Dolliver
Joseph Dolliver
Lewis Bigelow
Elphonzo Barrus
William A. Dispeau
Samuel Dispeau
Nathaniel Woodman
Oliver Pierce
Charles Foster
Luther Hunter Jr
Leander Stockbridge
John G. Holden
Luther Stow
Jonathan Bartlett
Lewis W. Dodge
Moses A. Witherby
Jesse Davenport
David Farnum
Eri Jackson
Horace Parker
Charles Hagar
Rand B. White

Aaron Holmes
Gilbert Mandan
William H. Morton
Claudius B. Long
Jefferson Bellows
Lyman A. Jones
Hyram Weatherbee
Walter Lighton
David Wordsworth
Andrews Batchelder
Thomas Price
Roswell Hodge
Leonard Johnson
Moses Sherman 2nd
Jerome Sherman
Jonathan Nichols
Daniel W. Willis
Daniel Davis
Franck Pike
Rufus H. Harback
Edward S. Dennis
Robert W. Willis
Warren Brigham
Dexter D. Ball
Joseph H. Whitney
Luke Leland Jr.
Joseph Leland 2nd
Barnabas Drury
Henry Johnson
William Crun
Smith Robinson
Benjamin Lewis
David Cole
George W. Randall
Abel S. Sillwood
Hyram Sibley
Thomas Johnson
Thomas Cady
Charles A Holbrook
Daniel G. Chase
Jason L. Lewis
Andrew Rider
Charles A. Chase
George Phillips
Orlando Whitney
William Prentice
Benjamin Flanders
Ira Jenkins
George W. Hastings

Absalom Hastings
Joseph G. Brown
David W. Brown
James Putnam
Horace P. Brown
Aaron Day
Esek Saunders
Benjamin Saunders
Warren Campbell
Stephen Brown
Elan Beach
Hartford P. Dunham
Daniel Cross
William Shaw
Constant R. Davis
Amos D. Johnson
Delano P. Eddy
Nathaniel O. Eddy
Nelson Ferry
John L. Gleason
Lewis Elliot
Jason L. Lewis
Benjamin Heywood Jr
Elbridge Phillips
Champney Hicks
Lewis Holbrook
Charles Daniels
Aaron Fay
Charles Goddard
Charles A. Smith
Waterman A. Fisher
Isaac L. Brown
Elisha M. Smith
Jonathan Williams
Richard M. Burgess
Joel Cobb
Daniel Whitney
Palmer Wakefield
James Munroe
James Phelps
Horatio Fiske
William Spear
Elijah Stow
Jeshuah Newton
John G. Phillips
Henry A. Ball
Stephen Dunsmoor
John Johnson
Harlow Walcutt

Samuel A. Dalrymple
Elisha Livermore
Andrew D. King
Silas Stone
John Claflin
Charles J. Leland
William Slocomb
Samuel D Smith
Jonas Greenwood
Edwin Morse
John Field
Thomas P. Wheelock
Nathan S. Wheelock
William R Slocomb
John B. Smith
George Newton
Daniel L. Cutler
Stephen Cutler
Dexter B. Hathaway
Rensselaer Patch
John C. Knowlton
Daniel H. Knowlton
William Barker
Joseph P. Leland
Luke F. Allen
Samuel W. Putnam
Arvin Thompson
George W. Pennock
Nathaniel M. Harrington
Jonathan L Patch
Solomon Carroll
Rufus F Knowlton
John V. Leland
Uriah Searles
Chaney Livermore
Charles E Thayer
Nathan B. Harlow
Samuel A. Knox
Abel Brigham
Seth J. Alden
Frederick Elliott
Cyrus W. Stratton
Joseph Willard
Rufus S. Davis
Charles C Mitchell
Charles L. Mitchell
Curtis Maynard
Russell Wheelock
William Jewell

Thomas K. Bacon
Charles Knowlton
Juvenus J. Goodrich
Daniel Parks.
Silas Walcott.
Samuel C. Bennett.
Henry Wesson.
Ethan R. Thompson
Martin R. How
Israel Fairbanks
Harvey J. Pratt.
Thomas D. Wright
Benjamin W. Fay
Samuel S. Gifford
Henry A. Gifford
Solomon C. Goulding
Rodney Leland.
Samuel Walker
George Clapp
Alanson G. Hinds
John H. Miriam
Cyrus N. Foench
Bradford Chase
Artemas Briggs
Charles Merdon.
Ebenezer F Burrill
Jackson Harrington
Joseph A. Warren.
Jonathan B Sibley
John Waterman
David Jourdan
Jonas B. Brigham
Ebenezer Wheeler
Edwin Wesson
Charles W. Marden
Elijah L. Case.
Williams Keith.
Stephen Adams
Samuel Simmons
Jonathan W. Stow
Sumner C Stow
Jeremiah Flagg Jr
Simeon D. Fay.
John P. Hayden
Silas Forbush Jr
Curtis Forbush
Justus Forbush
David Fay
Lawson Munyan

Calvin T Thurston
Leonard Brown –
Joel Taft. –
Asa Wheler – –
Peter Hunt. –
William Thurtleff
James Searles
Nathaniel Smith.
Levi N. Leland
George W. Thurston
Hobland Tyler. –
Reuben Edmes. –
Joseph Knox. –
Chisolden E. Leland
Jefferson Wheelock.
Dan Richardson –
Almon Thwing –
Jonathan Hodgerny
Smith Grout. –
Eliot Jourdan. –
Henry Keith.
Jonathan L. Fisk
William A. Fisk
Charles Muzzy. –
John L. Stiles
Royal A. Keith.
George G. Carpenter. –
Frederick Waterman. –
William Sibley.
Jeremiah S. Holmes
Samuel F. Stone
John C. Knapp. –
James H. Munroe
John M. Davenport.
Rufus W. Davenport. –
Williams Holbrook –
Sylvanus D. Pratt. –
Levi C. Heywood –
Lincoln Wood –
Peter Wheler
Abel Maynard
Oliver G. Davenport
Hollis Chamberlain
Jesse W. Bigelow
Calvin Crane
Fisher A. Bosworth
David R. Chamberlain
Eliz Fairfield
Silas Warren
Levi H. Stow
Edward Gilman
Charles H. Town. –
Palmer Goulding. –
William Jourdan
Charles L. Chamberlain

The whole number of Persons Enrolled is Four Hundred and forty three.

A True return of the names of all the persons enrolled in the Militia, in the Town of Grafton June 1840. –

Philip Wing. – } Assessors
Charles Brigham Jr. } of Grafton.

Copy Attest Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

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Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, — — — Greeting. —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections, and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the third day of August next at two O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles; to wit: ——

1st. To Choose a Moderator, ——

2nd, To raise such sums of money as will defray the expenses of the alterations and new locations of the road and Bridge leading through New England Village in said Grafton, agreable to the Layout by the County Commissioners in June last, — — — — —

3rd, To see what Method the Town will adopt to build the above Mentioned road and Bridge and act thereon, — — — — —

4th To see if the Town will choose an agent, and duly authorize him to recovery of Isaac W. Wood a Mortgage given by Gardner L. Whitlock to the said Isaac W. Wood, and by him assigned to the Town of Grafton to secure the payment of eight hundred and fifty dollars, or act thereon as they may think proper, — —

5th To see if the Town will accept a new piece of road laid out Two rods wide and fenced by Royal A. Fitch, commencing near his House and intersecting the Old road near Charles Muzzy's. And also to discontinue the old road, — Also To see if the Town will discontinue the old Town road from near Ebenezer Wheeler's to the Derby Batchelder place so called or act thereon, —

6th To see if the Town will furnish a new Hearse for the use of the Town, and act thereon, — — — — —

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up an attested copy there of at each of the public Meeting houses in the center of said Town, and at the Meeting house in New England village to Stand over Two Sundays. — Here of fail not and Make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. — — —

Given under our hands and Seals this twenty fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty. —

Liberty Wood
Silas Forbush
Leonard Whitlock
David Jourdan
Frederick Waterman

Select Men of Grafton

Worcester, ss. August 3rd. 1840.

I have served the within warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant. —

Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton. —

A True Copy of the warrant and return on the same.

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk. —

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the third day of August A. D. 1840. pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had to wit: —

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Liberty Wood Moderator. —

Art 2nd. Voted to raise the sum of five hundred dollars, in the assessment of the money tax to be assessed this year, to be expended in building the road and Bridge mentioned in this article. —

Art 3rd. Voted to choose a committee of five to superintend the building of said road and Bridge

By vote chose Philip Wing
Perley Goddard
Oliver M. Brigham
Charles Thurber
Charles Brigham
} for said Committee. —

Art. 4th Voted to choose an agent to reconvey the Mortgage mentioned in this article. —

By vote chose Charles Brigham agent to transfer said Mortgage. —

Art. 5th. voted to pass over this article. —

Art. 6th voted to choose a committee of three to procure a Hearse for the use of the Town. —

By vote Chose Samuel Hall
Joseph Bruce
Noah Kimball
} for said Committee. —

And the Meeting was dissolved

Attest,

Charles Prentice, T. Clerk,

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45 Worcester, ss.

45 To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton

45 in the County of Worcester, — Greeting.

45 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, —

You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the twelfth day of October current at two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz: — — — —

1st. To choose a Moderator of said Meeting, — — —

2nd. To see if the Town will raise a further Sum of Money sufficient to defray the expenses of the newly laid out road leading through New England Village and act thereon as they may think proper. —

3rd. To see if the Town will accept the doings of the Selectmen in laying out a piece of road leading by Royal A. Fuith's commencing on the east line at a stake and stones at the northeast corner of Royal A. Fuith's land running south 1/2 Degrees west 54 7/20 rods — till it comes to the end of the old road at the corner of Charles Muzzy and Royal A. Fuiths wall, he the said Fuith a gowing to fence the same without any expense to the Town, said road is laid out two rods wide with bounds at each end of said new road, And also to discontinue the old road, — — —

4th. To hear the report of any out standing Committees and act thereon. — — — — — —

5th To see if the Town will take any method of disposing of their Stove and apparatus, which was purchased for the convenience of the High School, — — —

6th To see if the Town will take any measures in regard to — settling a claim of Charles M. Hay, against the Town for his sustaining damage in crossing the dry Bridge between Otis Converse, and Charles Daniels or act thereon, — — — — — —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Centre of said Town, and at the Meeting House in New England Village to stand over two Sundays, — — — —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid, — Given under our hands and Seals this second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty. — —

Liberty Wood — }
Silas Forbush — } Selectmen
Leonard Wheelock, } of Grafton.

Worcester, ss. October 12th 1840. I have served this within warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice. Constable, of Grafton,

A True copy of the warrant and return thereon.

Attest. Charles Prentice. Town, Clerk, —.

At A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Twelfth day of October A.D. 1840. pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Art. 1. By Ballot Chose Liberty Wood Moderator,

Art. 2. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to Borrow the sum of two thousand Dollars to defray the expenses of the new road and Bridge in New England Village upon the Towns security, by paying five hundred dollars to wit, one the first day of April 1841. five hundred dollars on the first day of April 1842. five hundred dollars on the first day of April 1843, and the remainder on the first day of April 1844. and the interest to be paid annually — for which the Treasurer is authorised by the Town to give a note, ——————

Art. 3. Voted to accept of the road Mentioned in this article and Also to discontinue the Old road Mentioned in this article, — . — . — . — .

Art. 4. Voted to pass over this article, — . — . — . —

Art. 5. Voted to authorise the Select-men to dispose of the Stove Mentioned in this article

Art. 6. Voted the Select-men be a committee, to settle Charles M. Fay's claim against said Town Mentioned in this article, on the best terms they can. —

And the Meeting was dissolved by vote.

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk,

Grafton October 2nd 1840.

we the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton having met according to previous notice, have laid out the following piece of road leading by Royal A. Keiths. Commencing on the east line at a Stake and Stones at the Northeast corner of Royal A Keiths lands, running South South 1/2 degrees West 54 4/20. rods till it comes to the lend of the old road at the corner of Charles Nuzzy, and Royal A Keiths wall, he the said Keith agreeing to fence the same without any expense to the Town, said road is laid out two rods wide with bounds at each end of said new road. —

Filed in the Town Clerks Office this 2d Day of October 1840

Liberty Wood. —
Silas Forbush. —
Leonard Whitlock.
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Recorded forword November. 1840.

A Copy Attest

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to Notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections, and in Town affairs to Met at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the ninth day of November next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon, being the second Monday of said Month, To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor, of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators, on one Ballot for the District of Worcester, for the year ensuing, — Also at the same place to give in their votes for Electors of of President and vice President of the united States, Also to bring in their votes, for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for District number five, Also To bring in their votes for a Representative to represent said Town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. — The Polls will be Opened at half past nine O'Clock A. M. for the reception of votes of the above named Officers, — . —

And you are directed to notify the inhabitants above named to met on said day and at the place above named at four O'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles To Wit. —

1st. To Choose a moderator of said Meeting, — . —
2nd. To Choose a Highway surveyor. and collector of Highway Taxes

in District where Jacob Harding was chosen and declined serving
3rd. To see if the Town will accept of the revision of the Jury-Boy
4th. To hear the report of any old Standing Committees, and p
act thereon, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
5th. To accept Town Debts. — — — — — — — — — —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the centre of said Town, and at the Meeting-house in New-England village, ten days at least before the holding of said Meeting, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, on or before the hour of said Meeting, — — — — — — — — — — — —

Given under our hands and seals this twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty. — —

Liberty Woods.
Silas Forbush. —
Leonard Wheelock
David Jourdan
Frederick Waterman.

} Select-men of Grafton

Worcester, ss November 9th 1840.
I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said Town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant, — — — —

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton, —

A True Copy of the warrant and return thereon, —
Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk, — — —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Town, on the ninth day of November being the second Monday of said Month A.D. 1840. pursuant to Warning for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor, of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators on one Ballot. also for Electors of President and vice President of the United States &c. — according to the articles in said warrant, — — — — the whole Number of votes given in for Governor & Lieutenant Governor, were sorted, counted, recorded and declarations thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons. —

For Governor — John Davis. Three hundred and twenty four votes,
Marcus Morton, one hundred eighty eight votes, —
George W. Johnson — ten votes, —

Lieutenant Governor { George Hull three hundred twenty five votes.
Nathan Willis one hundred eighty eight votes,
Abel Bliss eleven votes, — . — . . .

The whole number of votes given in for Senators and Counsellors were also sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, and were for the following persons, — . . . . .

Samuel Wood . two hundred seventy six votes,
Charles L P Hastings. two hundred eighty one votes.
James Allen . two hundred ninety five votes.
Amory Holman. two hundred ninety three votes,
Emory Washburn two hundred ninety five votes,
John Spurr. one hundred and eighty eight votes,
Benjamin Estabrook, one hundred eighty eight votes,
Aaron S. Gibbs. one hundred eighty eight votes,
Adam Harrington, one hundred eighty eight votes,
Arial Bragg one hundred eighty eight votes,
Charles Allen four votes, — . — . — . —
Otis Brigham two votes, — . — . — . —
J. T. Everett one vote. — . — . — . —
George Allen one vote, — . — . — . —
Edward Earle, — . — . — . — eleven votes, — . —
Isaac R. Barbour — . — . — eleven votes. — . —
Asaph Rice — . — . — eleven votes. — . —
Cyrus Pitt, Governor — . eleven votes, — . —
Joshua Titus Everett . — . eleven votes. — . —

The whole number of votes given in for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States were also sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made and were for the following persons, viz: —

Harrison Electorial Ticket.

Electors at Large.

Isaac C. Bates. three hundred thirty nine votes,
Selig Sprague three hundred thirty nine votes,

Districts.

No. 1. Richard Haughton. three hundred thirty nine votes,
2. Stephen C. Phillips. three hundred thirty nine votes.
3. Rufus Longley. three hundred thirty nine votes,
4. Sydney Willard. three hundred thirty nine votes.
5. Ira M. Barton. three hundred thirty eight votes.
6. George Grennell, Jr three hundred thirty nine votes.
7. Thaddeus Pomeroy, three hundred thirty nine. — votes,
8. Samuel Mixter . three hundred thirty nine. votes.
9. Thomas French, three hundred thirty nine. . votes,
10. Wilkes Wood . three hundred thirty nine, votes,
11. Joseph Tripp . three hundred thirty nine, votes.
12. John B. Thomas three hundred thirty nine votes

Democratic Electoral Ticket.

Electors at Large, —

William L. Walker, one hundred sixty seven votes,
Ebenezer Fisher, one hundred sixty seven votes,

Districts,

No. 1. Caleb Eddy, — one hundred sixty seven votes,
2. Robert Upton, — one hundred sixty seven votes,
3. Nathaniel Stevens, one hundred sixty seven votes,
4. Jno. Thompson, one hundred sixty seven votes,
5. Samuel D. Spurr, one hundred sixty seven votes,
6. Caleb Hubbard, one hundred sixty seven votes,
7. John Leland, one hundred sixty seven votes,
8. James Fowler, one hundred sixty seven votes,
9. Artemas Brown, one hundred sixty seven votes,
10. Nathan L. Brownell, one hundred sixty seven votes,
11. Thos. Mandell, one hundred sixty seven votes,
12. Jesse Pierce, one hundred sixty seven votes,

Liberty Ticket.

For Electors at Large and for District Electors.
There were Eleven votes given in for each. —
and there were Twelve scattering votes counted. —

For Representative to Congress.

Levi Lincoln. three hundred seventeen votes.
Isaac Davis. one hundred eighty votes
George Allen one vote

By Ballot Chose Albert Stone Representative to the General Court the ensuing year. —
Attest: Charles Prentiss, Town. Clerk,

November 9th 1840 at 4. o'clock P.M. the Town acted on the warrant for town affairs, viz:—

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Luke Leland Moderator —

Art. 2nd By vote chose Leonard Whitlock High-way Surveyor, and Collector of high way taxes in District where Jacob Harding was chosen and declined serving, — . — —

Art. 3d Voted to accept the revision of the Jury-Box, by the Select Men as the names were listed off and read to the Town

The following is the list of Names as prepared by the Select Men to be placed in the Jury Box, to wit:

Isaac W. Wood.	Joseph Brown	Leonard Whitlock
Silas Forbush	Phillip Loring	Austin Holbrook
Liberty Wood	Oliver M. Bolgiano	Otis Adams.
Luke Leland	Elijah Kimball	Jonathan Warren
John W. Stowell	Mowry Farnum	Nathan Hancock
Charles Goddard	Calvin W. Forbush	Ezek Saunders.
Chandler M. Pratt	Jasper W. Putnam	Levi N. Leland
Lawson Munyan	Jonathan W. Stow	Noah Kimball
John Putnam Jr	David Jourdan	Samuel Houghton
Willard L. Wood	Samuel Harrington	Daniel A. Wilson

Lewis Holbrook John Whitney Frederick Waterman
Charles Brigham Jr Joseph Batchelder Benjamin Kingsbury
Rufus C. Warren Charles Thurber. William G. Morse
James H. Cheney Jefferson Bellows John Waterman
Samuel F. Redding Leander S. Pratt. George Webster
Charles B. Jenks. John P. Hayden. Silas Warren.

Voted to adjourn this Meting to Monday the 23rd. instant at one o'clock in the afternoon at this place

Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

November 23rd. 1840. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 9th instant the following further proceedings were had; viz:—

after reading the proceedings of the last Meting the Town took up the 4th Artcle. &c.

Art. 4th. The Town voted to pass over this article.

Art. 5. voted to accept the following amounts.

Phillip Wing amount for taking the Census and making a general valuation and Taxes for the year 1840. Stationary &c. $73.07

Charles Brigham Jr Bill for taking a general Valuation and making Taxes &c. 43.75

And the Meting was dissolved

Attest Charles Prentice, T. Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to met at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the first day of March next, at twelve O'clock at noon to act on the following articles, to Wit:

1st. To choose a Moderator of said Meting,
2nd. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing,
3rd. To bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds,

4th. To Bring in their votes for a County Treasurer, — . — — .
5th. To Hear the annual report of the Selectmen, or act thereon, —
6th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Schooling, and to defray all other necessary town charges the ensuing year, — . — . —
7th. To raise money for the repairs of Highways, Town ways, and Bridges, the ensuing year, and to see what method the town will adopt in laying out the same, — . —
8th. To see if the Treasurer shall be Collector of taxes the ensuing year, and if so, to determine his compensation and the abatements to be made on taxes paid in 30. 60. and 120. Days from the time the tax bills shall be committed to the collector
9th. To see if the town will fix a time within which all taxes shall be paid, and to determine the measures to be taken with those who neglect to pay within that time, —
10th. To see if the Town will defray the same charges for Burials the present year that they have done the past. — . — . — . —
11th. To see if the town will cause one of their Church Bells to be rung at 12 M. and at 9 P.M. during the year. — . — . — . — . —
12th To see if the town will cause a new division of their school money, — . —
13th To see if the town will authorize their Prudential Committees of the several School Districts to hire their teachers the ensuing year, — . — .
14th To hear the report of any odd standing committee, —
15th To see if the town will cause all monies that are now due the town, or such part thereof as they may think proper, to be collected for the purpose of paying demands bearing interest against the town or act thereon,
16th To see if the town will purchase or cause to be purchased about forty acres of land called the Temple Pasture for the benefit of the town farm, or act thereon, —
17th To see if the town will furnish suitable seats for the town Hall or act thereon, — . —
18th To see if the town will adopt a time when the Bell shall be tolled for Deaths, or act thereon, —
19th To accept town debts, — . — . — . — . —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in the Centre of said Town, and at the Meeting House in N. E. Village. to stand over two Sundays at least before the holding of said Meeting. —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the hour of said Meeting, — . —

Given under our hands and seals this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, ...

Liberty Wood.
Silas Forbush.
Leonard Whitlock
David Jourdan
Frederick Waterman
} Select men of Grafton.

Worcester, ss. March 1st. 1841.
I have served the within Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant, —
Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A True Copy.
Attest. Charles Prentice. Town. Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the first day of March A.D. 1841. pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had; to wit: —

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Joseph Brown, Moderator,

Art. 2 By Ballot Chose Benjamin Kingsbury
" " " Luke Leland
" " " Levi N. Leland
" " " Joseph Kimball
" " " Samuel W. Putnam
} Selectmen of Grafton who appeared on the same day and were sworn by. Joseph Brown Just. Peace. Attest, Charles Prentice, T. Clerk,

By Ballot Chose, Charles Prentice. Town, Clerk.

Art. 3rd Artemas Ward. had one hundred seventy seven votes
Adam Harrington had ten votes.
Jonathan Warren had one vote.
} for Register of Deeds. —

Art 4th. For County Treasurer.
Anthony Chase. had one hundred forty two votes. —

Art. 5th. voted to accept the Selectmen's report. ——

voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the fifteenth of March instant at 12. O'clock at noon. at this place. —

Attest
Charles Prentice, Town. Clerk.

Report of the Selectmen for the Expenses of the Town of Grafton for the year ending Feb. 27. 1841. — ..

Cost of Town farm, — — — — —		$3086.73
Stock now on the farm, farming tools, Hay, grain, and other produce, provisions in the House House hold furniture including Stoves, — — — — —		1002.08
Total amount of both Real and personal property at the town farm. —		$4088.81

Dr.

Interest on the farm at 5 per cent		$ 154.33
Agents Salary, — — — —		300.00
amount of money paid through the hands of the agent on sundry Bills, — —		193.33
Physicians Bills, — — — —		12.06
paid for Stock and meat, — — —		119.83
paid sundry other Bills — — —		5.00
		$.784.55

Cr.

By amount of Cash recd for produce and from off the farm, — — — — —		164.40
State pauper fund recd — — —		52.36
Received on Robert Mc Crillis note, — — —		28.60
Balance in the hands of the agent — —		93.15
betterments in Stock above last year — —		40.00
additional amount of produce above last year.		30.00
amount of Cr. —		$.408.51

Total amount of Debt Brot down —		$ 784.55
amount of Cr. Brot down. — —		408.51
leaving a balance of — — —		$.376.04

Whole number of persons assisted on the farm during the year nine. — whole number of weeks board 304, average number about 6. average cost pr. week of board and clothing about $1.23 pr week, —

A Statement of expenses of paupers assisted in whole or in part away from the farm, — — — — —

Wd Ruth Davis — — —		$. 26.50
Wd Catherine Whipple, — —		27.58
paid for Wd Betsey Gray sickness and funeral Charges to the Town of Worcester		42.05
paid for Board and medical attendance for Wm Lamb, — — — — — —		48.49
paid for Board and Medical attendance of Percis Stanton, to the Town of Milford, — — —		10.00

Paid for board and clothing for Ellin Barrett.	$. 14. 60
Mary A. Lathe for support of child.	4. 50
Assisting Henry Smith and family	9. 27
Assisting James Grover and family	3. 56
Assisting a distitute family passing through Town	5. 00
Paid for board and Medical attendance for Richard Stewardson at N.E. Village,	12. 00
	$. 203. 55

Cr.

Refunded from James Grover,	3. 56
Due from the State in support of Henry Smith	25. 55
Due from the State in support of Richard Stewardson	2. 10
Refunded from the town of Sharon,	12. 55
	$. 43. 76

Total amount of expenses paid off of the farm.	203. 55
Deduct the amount refunded and due	43. 76
	$. 159. 79

Whole number of Persons assisted off the farm during the past year, twenty three,

Whole number of Persons relieved by the town during the past year, in whole or in part. Thirty,

Amount of Cost for supporting paupers during the year including the interest on town farm over and above the receipts for the past year, five hundred and thirty five Dollars and eighty three cents,

Whole cost including interest	579. 59
Receipts for the year:	43. 76
	$. 535. 83

Cr.

The Select men further report that they have settled with the Treasurer and find the standing of the town as follows, Paid through the hands of the Treasurer up to the 27. Feb. 1841.

Paid for District Schools,	$. 1500. 00
Paid Anthony Chase 6. Treasurer,	660. 48
Paid interest on Note at Boston,	150. 00
Paid balance on the Moses Adams Note.	318. 96
Paid Engine Mens.	24. 64
Paid for the Closing up the High school.	138. 12
Paid abatement on Arnold & Moses Adams Taxes.	9. 90
Paid on the 5 pr. cent note at Boston,	550. 00
Paid Philip Wing and Charles Brigham Jr for taking valuations and making taxes.	117. 37
Selectmens orders.	3288. 78
	$. 6758. 25

Dr.

Resources of the Town, —

To balance on hand last year,	$1140.49
To amount of town grant,	3340.00
County Tax,	660.48
Overlayings on all taxes,	149.86
Sale of Town Maps,	2.37
Interes on notes due the Town,	199.11
cash refunded from the Town of Sharon	12.55
State Pauper and School fund rec'd	139.89
cash rec'd on the balance of J. S. Woods Note	513.20
cash rec'd for Liuncs	7.00
cash borrowed on towns Note at Boston,	2000.
Cash refunded from James Grover,	3.56
	$8168.51

Amount Brot over	$8168.51
Amount Brot over	6758.25
Balance in the Treasury in favour of the Town	$1410.26
Also unappropriated funds in the hands of the Treasurer secured by Mortgage on Real Estate,	4000.00
The Demands against the Town bearing interest payable at the savings Bank'd Boston. is	4450.00

The interest on the Debts against the Town is about the same as on the Debts due the Town So that when the $500.00 that is appropriated to pay on the note against the town, bearing interest at 6 pr cent the first of April, There will be enough due the Town to cancel their Debts.

(All which is Submitted)

Liberty Woods
Silas Forbush
Leonard Whitlock
David Jourdan
Frederick Waterman

Selectmen

A. True Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

March 15th 1841. The town having met pursuant to adjournment from the first instant, the following further proceedings were had, to Wit:- after reading the proceedings of the last Meting— the town took up the second article, ——— 0

Art. 2nd. By Ballot chose
Philip Wing
Charles Brigham Jr.
Chandler M. Pratt,
} Assessors. Sworn April 30th. 1841. Sworn June 19th 1841.

By Ballot chose, Jonathan Warren, Town Treasurer. who appeared and was Sworn March 20th. 1841. . . . . .
By Ballot chose
Charles Thurber
Carman Palfrey
John Jennings.
} General School Committee

Voted to take up the 14th Article.
Art. 14. voted to have the Report of the General School Committee read, ——— . ——— . ——— .
voted to have the report Printed.
voted to have eight hundred Copies Printed,
voted the Selectmen be authorised to get the report printed. ——— . ——— .

Voted to take up the second article
Art. 2nd voted to have Two Constables for the ensuing year,
By Ballot chose,
Charles Prentice
and
John B. White
} Constables Sworn by Joseph Brown Just. Peace. Sworn March 15. 1841. by C. Prentice J. Clerk.

voted to have the same number of Highway Surveyors and Collectors of highway taxes the present year the town had the last. ——— .
By vote chose. Otis Convers } Sworn March 19th 1841.
Rufus Prentice, } Sworn March 26. 1841.
Timothy Whitlock,
Solomon C. Goulding } Sworn March 26. 1841.
Bradford Chase . . . } Sworn
Leonard S. Whitlock, } Highway Surveyors
Horan P. Brown } and Collectors of. Sworn June 14. 1841.
Oliver M. Brigham } Highway Taxes,
Harvey Carpenter .
Elijah Brooks ,
Mowry Farnum } Sworn April 5. 1841 by J. Brown Just. Peace
Seth J. Axtell . } Sworn March 19th. 1841
Lewis Holbrook . . } Sworn April 5th 1841 by Jos. Brown Just. Peace.

Sworn
Sworn April 5. 1841.

voted to have two fence viewers for the ensuing year,
By vote chose Charles Brigham and Samuel Harrington } Fence viewers, —

voted to have two sealers of Leather
By vote chose Jonathan Warren and Jonathan K. Putnam } Sworn March 20th 1841. — Sealers of Leather

voted to have three Surveyors of Lumber.
By vote chose Philip Wing, James H. Cheney, Charles B. Jenks, } Surveyors of Lumber,

voted that the Selectmen appoint the Measurers of wood.
voted to have twelve Measurers of wood the ensuing year,

voted to have the selectmen appoint a sealer of weights and measures, for the year ensuing. —

voted to have twelve ~~five~~ wards for the ensuing year,
By vote chose -
John W. Stocomb, Jonathan Warren, David Jourdan, Samuel Houghton, Esek Saunders, E. B. Bigelow, Samuel Dispeau, } accepts the Offis March 20th 1841.
Stephen R. White, } accepts the offis March 23. 1841.
Barnabas Newton, } accepts the Offis March 18. 1841.
James H. Cheney, Chandler M. Pratt, Charles Thurber, } accepts the Offis March 20th 1841.

voted to have two field drivers the present year,
By vote chose.
Daniel Whitney and Royal A. Keith. } Sworn March 25. 1841. — Field Drivers,

By vote chose Leander S. Pratt. Pound Keeper

By vote chose
Philip Wing, Joseph Bolton, Noah Kimball } Auditing committee on accounts,

voted to take up the fifteenth article and act thereon,
Art. 15th. The town voted to collect all the surplus money
now due the Town secured by Mortgage. —
voted that the Select-men and Town Treasurer collect
the same by the first day of April one thousand
eight hundred and forty two. And to be used by them
in paying Debts the Town now owe bearing interest.

And the Meeting was adjourned for one week to
Monday the 22nd March now current at one o'clock —
P.M. at this place. —

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

This certifies that at a meeting of the Select-men the
following persons were appointed,

Noah Kimball	the Selectmen assist of Otis Converse. in place of Noah Kimball
Rufus E. Warren	
Samuel F. Redding	
Samuel Houghton	
Rufus Rice. —	
L. N. Leland	Measurers of Wood
I. S. Harrington	
I. L. Brown. —	
B. D. Leavitt	
Samuel A. Knox.	
Charles Merriam	
James G. Putnam,	

Healy Baker. Sealer of weights and measures.

B. Kingsbury	Select-
Luke Leland,	Men
L. N. Leland	Of
Joseph Kimball	Grafton
S. W. Putnam.	

A Copy of the appointments —

Attest,

Charles Prentice, T. Clerk,

March 22. A. D. 1841. The town having met pursuant to adjournment from the fifteenth instant the following further proceedings wer had, to wit; —
after reading the proceedings of the last meting the town voted Samuel W. Putnam highway Surveyor in plac of Elijah Brooks who declined serving, —

took up the 6th article

Art. 6th voted to raise the same sum of money for the repairs of highways and Bridges the present year that was raised the last year, and to be laide out in the same manner and manner as last year. —

Voted to raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars in addition to what comes from the Commonwealth, and the interest of the School fund for schooling the present year, — one third of which is for Summer and two thirds is for Winter schools,

Voted to raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to defray all necessary Town Charges for the year ensuing, —

Voted to fill up the vacancies of the Town officers,

By vote chose Jonathan R. Putnam highway Surveyor in the plac of Samuel W. Putnam dicleined. who appeared and was sworn the same day. —
Attest, Charles Prentice T. Clerk. —

the town voted to excuse Harvey Carpenter from serving highway Surveyor, and By vote chose Stephen Adams in his stead

Voted to choose a committee of three persons on Sluce ways and Bridges the present year —

By vote chose Philip Wing
Joseph Adams
Charles Bingham jr. } for said committee, —

voted that said Committee take Charge of all Sluce ways and Bridges that are eight feet across and upwards

voted to take the same course for collecting taxes the present year they did the last, put the collection up at auction at the lowest bidder, and Benjamin W. Fay bid off the collection of taxes at one per cent.

By vote chose Benjamin W. Fay, Collector of taxes for the ensuing year — who was sworn July 1. 1841 by C. Prentice Town Clerk

By vote chose Charles H. Towne Pound Keeper in plac of Leander S. Pratt. dicleined who appeared and was sworn July 6th 1841. by Charles Prentice Town Clerk. —

Voted to take up the fifth article, —

Art. 5th The Selectmen presented and read their Report. Stating the situation and condition of the Guide Posts and boards in said Towne,
Voted to accept the report, —
voted that the Selectmen erect guide posts and Boards agreable to their report, —

Art. 9th. Voted the Time allowed for taxes to be paide the presentt year. be the same as last. to wit: —
to collect all Poll taxes in thirty days after the tax Bill is delivered into the hands of the Collector — And that the remainder of all taxes, be collected by the first day of January next, and those who neglect to pay their taxes by the first day of January next. that they be collected according to law.

Art. 10th Voted the town pay the same charges for Burials, this year, they have done the last year.

Art. 11th Voted to have one of their Church Bells rung at 12. M. and at 9. P. M. during the year,

Art. 12th. Voted to pass over this article, —

Art. 13th. voted to authorize their Prudential School Committee, to hire their teachers the ensuing year.

put to vote to reconsider the vote to raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for schooling and it passed in the negative, ——— ——

Art. 14th voted to pass over this article for the presentt,

Art. 16th voted to pass over this article, —

Art. 17th voted to pass over this article, —

Art. 18th. voted that the Bell be tolled at sunrise and at sunset for deaths, — . — — . — —

Art. 19th. voted to accept the following amounts. viz: —

Otis Adams.	amount allowed. — .	25.00
Otis Adams.	amount for wood & room .	7.20
Charles Brigham Jr.	" — " — .	25.00
Samuel F. Redding	" ——— . — .	2.00
Oliver M. Brigham	" . ——— —	25.00
Samuel Hale	" ——— . — .	81.25
Jonathan Sibley	" ——— . — .	7.50
Charles Pontikes	" ——— . — .	17.56

The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Grafton ask leave to submit the following Report of all the plans in which guideposts are erected and maintained within the town, and of all plans at which in the opinion of the Selectmen they ought to be erected and maintained as follows. at the angle or corner of the roads on the Common near the house of Calvin W. Forbush, at the corner of the roads on the Common near the house of Jonathan Wheler Esqr., at the corner of the Worcester and Millbury roads a few rods to the west of the house of said Wheler, at the corner of the Millbury and Sutton roads, near the house of Robert Prentiss, at the corner of the Sutton and Uxbridge roads, a little to the south of the house of said Prentiss, at the corner near the house of Joseph Brewer, at the corner near the house of Jonathan Sibley, at the corner near the house of the late Thaddeus Read deceased, at the corner between the house last named and the house of Reuben Eames; at the corner between the house of Joseph Brewer and Henry D. Howard, at the corner near the Indian burying grounds, at the corner near the Meting-house in Farnumville, at the corner near the house of David Farnum, at each of the corners of the roads between the Cotton Mill in Farnumville and the house of Austin Holbrook, at the corner near the house of Esek Saunders, at the corner near the house of Jason Putnam, at each of the corners between the Burial grounds and the house of Samuel Dishon, at the corner near the Tavern House in New England Village, at the corner of the Providence and Westboro roads, a little to the west of the last named plan at the corner near the house of Asa Waters Esqr, at each of the corners near the House of Jonathan R. Putnam; at the corner of near the House of Tarrant Merriam, at the corner near the the house of Daniel Cutler, at the corner near the house of Solomon C. Goulding, at the corner near the house of Asahel Fairbanks.

All which is respectfully submitted.—

Benja Kingsbury
Luke Leland Jr.
Levi N. Leland
Joseph Kimball
Sam.l W. Putnam.

Selectmen of Grafton

Voted to accept this report.—

And the Meting was adjourned to the first Monday in April next, at 4. o' clock P.M.—

at this place Attest

Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk.

April 5th 1841. The town having met pursuant to adjournment from the twenty second day of March last, the following further proceedings were had, to wit:—

Voted to allow Spooner & Howland's account for printing the Report of the General School Committee — $18.50

Voted to distribute one Copy to each House holder

Voted to accept the Report of the Bridge Committee which is in the words and figures following to wit:—

The Committee Chosen by the Town to repair all Bridges that have Sluys ten feet wide & upwards, Report, that the repairs has been less the past year than usual. The largest amount expended has been on repairing the Pier under the Bridge near Farnum & Wright's Cotton Factory, and the cost the following Bills, viz:—

Town of Grafton — Dr. —

To Luke Island's Bill		$. 16.35
" Jefferson Wheelock Do.		6.00
" Jeremiah S. Holmes, Do		3.00
" Solomon L. Pontius, Do		1.00
" George Webster, Do		1.50
" Samuel Sherman, Do		4.50
" David Jones, Do		2.50
" Wm A. Fisk, Do		7.00
		$. 41.85
Philip Wings bill for repairs on various Bridges		9.25
		$. 51.10

The Committee would further report that have purchased Plank the past year as follows, the principal part part of which are now on hand,

of John Newton 648 ft. 3 inch at 8/3 B.M.		25.20
" Levi Rawson's bill for 635 ft. 3 inch at 7/6 B.M.		22.30
		$. 98.60
Town of Grafton Cr. By order on Treasurer	$70.00	
" " " By order " Do.	10.00	80.00
Balance due from Town. —		$. 18.60

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Grafton April 5th 1841.

Philip Wing
Luke Island
Perley Goddard
Ebenr Island
} Committee on Bridges

voted to accept Chandler N. Pratts account, . . . $35.00
" " " Sumner C. Stows " . . . 10.00
" " " Samuel Wood, " . . . 10.00
" " " Rufus Prentice, " . . . 10.00
And the Meeting was dissolved.

Attest,

Charles Prentice. Town. Clerk.

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester,

Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to Notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections to Meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of April next at two O' clock in the afternoon, to bring in their votes to the Select Men for three County Commissioners on one Ballot for the County of Worcester, and also for two Spucial Commissioners for said County on one Ballot.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Centre of said Town, and at the Meeting House in New England Village, to stand four two Sundays at least before the Holding of said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Select Men on or before the hour of said Meeting.

Given under our hands and Seals this twenty Second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Benja Kingsbury
Luke Delands
Levi N. Deland
Joseph Kimball
Sam W. Putnam.
} Select Men of Grafton.

Worcester, ss. April 5t. 1841

I have served the within warrant, by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town of Grafton, pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton

A true Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice. Town. Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of of Grafton qualified to vote in elections, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of April A. D. 1841 for the purpose of giving in their votes for three County Commissioners on one Ballott, and for two Special Commissioners, on one Ballott for said County, —

The Town voted to bring in their votes for County and for Special Commissioners, for said County all on one Ballott. — . — . —

The whole number of Ballotts given in was two hundred and six. — . — . —

and were for the following persons, viz: —

For County Commissioners. —

William Crawford,	had one hundred ninety six votes,
Samuel Taylor,	had one hundred four votes,
Zadduriah Sheldon	had one hundred four votes,
Charles Thurber	had one hundred votes,
David Davenport	had ninety five votes,
Otis Brigham	had three votes,
Nathan Heards	had three votes.
Jonathan Warren	had one — vote.
Wm Taylor	had one votes.
James Allen —	had one vote,

For Special Commissioners. —

David Davenport	had one hundred five votes,
Adam Harrington	had one hundred one votes,
Stephen Davis	had ninety eight votes.
Jerome Gardner	had ninety seven votes.

And the Meeting was dissolved,

Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

[L.S.] Worcester, ss.

[L.S.] To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in

[L.S.] the County of Worcester, — —.

Greeting. —

[L.S.] In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you

[L.S.] are required to notify and warn the inhabitants

[L.S.] of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections

[L.S.] to meet at the town Hall in said Grafton on Monday

the third day of May next, at one O'Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes to the Select-Men who shall preside at said Meeting, for one Representative that is an inhabitant of Congressional District number five in this Commonwealth, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Levi Lincoln, a Representative of this Commonwealth from said District, to Represent him in the Congress of the United States, for the term of two years from the third day of March 1841, — — — — —

The Polls will be opened at two O'Clock P. M. for the reception of votes for the above named Officer, —

Also at the same time and place to bring in their votes to the Select men, for two County Commissioners on one Ballot, and for two Special Commissioners, on one Ballot, to serve in said Office for the term of three years, and until others shall be Chosen and qualified in their places, — — —

And you are also directed to notify the said inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs, to Meet on said day at the same place, at four O'Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit:

1st. To Choose a Moderator, — — — — — —

2nd. To fill any vacancies of any town Officers that were Chosen at the last annual Meeting, — — —

3rd. To see if the town will assertain whether any person or company is liable to the town for damage done to the road near the House of Enoch Forbush, in consequence of a Dam being raised so as to turn the water into the road in time of a freshet, — — —

4th. To Hear the report of any out Standing Committee,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses, in the Centre of said Town, and do at

the Meting house in N. E. Village, to stand over two sundays at least before the Holding of said Meting, —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, on or before the hour of said Meting. —

Given under under our hands and seals this nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one. —

Benjamin Kingsbury
Luke Leland
Levi N. Leland
Joseph Kimball
Samuel W. Putnam.
} Select-men of Grafton.

Worcester, ss, May 3rd 1841.

I have served the within Warrant, by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meting houses in said Town of Grafton, pursuant to the directions in said Warrant. —

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant and return thereon.

Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

At a legal meting of the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections, held on the third day of May A. D. 1841. at the town Hall in said Grafton for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative for the Congressional District number five, to Represent them in the Congress of the united States for the term of two years from the third day of March A.D. 1841. — And also for two County Commissioners on one Ballot, and for two Special Commissioners on one Ballot for said County, —

The whole number of Ballots given in for a Representative to Congress was two hundred and thirty four. — — —

Charles Hudson, had one hundred forty six votes,

Isaac Davis, had sixty eight votes, — .

Cyrus Pitt, Grosvenor, had Nineteen Votes, — .

Pliny Merrick, had one Vote, — .

The whole number of Votes given in for a Representative were sorted, Counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, — — — — — —

The whole number of Ballots given in for two County Commissioners was two hundred and Six. — — —

David Davenport, had one hundred Thirteen Votes, —
Charles Thurber, — had one hundred Six Votes, —
Samuel Taylor, — had ninety eight Votes, — —
Zadoriah Sheldon, had ninety Votes, — . — .
Otis Brigham, had Three Votes, — . — .
Nathan Heard, had Two Votes. — . — .

Also for Special Commissioners, Whole Number of Ballots was two hundred five. —

Stephen Davis, had one hundred two votes, —
Jerome Gardner had one hundred two Votes, —
Adam Harrington had ninety seven Votes, —
David Davenport had eighty nine votes, — —
Joshua Titus Everett, had Three Votes, — .
Charles White, had — Three Votes, — .
Zadoriah Sheldon, had eight Votes, — .

And the Meting was dissolved,

Attest Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

May 3rd. 1841. – at four O'Clock. P. m. the said inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs met pursuant to warning, and acted on the following articles, to Wit:. ——————

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose, Benjamin Kingsbury Moderator.

Art. 2nd. By vote Chose Samuel Prentiss, Highway Surveyor and Collector of Highway taxes for the year ensuing in place of Stephen Adams. moved out of Town, – who appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty May 6.th 1841.–
Attest. Charles Prentiss. Town. Clerk, –

Art. 3rd. By vote Chose Philip Wing. Lovel Baker and Pardon Aldrich, a Committee, to carry into effect the Object mentioned in this article.

Art. 4th. no reports were offered to be made by any Committee, And the Meeting was dissolved.
Attest,
Charles Prentiss. Town Clerk,

Annual return of the names of all the persons enrolled in the Militia, in the Town of Grafton for the year 1841. ——————

Harvey J. Pratt. Henry Gates, Ebenezer Lincoln, Rodney Leland. Freeman Moore, Squire Bosworth, Benjamin W. Jay, Ethan Thompsons, John Wheeler Jun.r. – Reed J. Knowlton, Warren Brigham, Samuel A. Knox. – Nathan B. Harlow, John V. Leland. Frederick Elliot. – Elisha Putnam, James Scuarli, Joseph Willard, – Reed S. Davis, Curtis Maynard, Russell Wheelock, Solomon C. Goulding, Samuel C. Bennett, Jonathan Williams, Constant P. Davis, Amos D. Johnson, Warren Campbell. David W. Brown, Joseph G. Brown, James Putnam, Emory Putnam, Luther Fisher. Aaron Day, Charles Chase, Delano P. Eddy, Daniel G. Chase, Cyrus Ferry. Lewis Elliott. Dexter Clark. – – – Jacob Spring. Henry Johnson. Leonard Buxton, Hiram Sibley. George W. Randall, Hezekiah Stone, – David Sherman 2nd. George Webster. Samuel Houghton, – Harding Woodard. Nelson Ferry, Jours Sawyer. – Ansel M. Newton, Ira Jackson, Edward F. Dennis French B. Pike, Daniel Davis Joel Pettingill

Cromwell Fordand, Nicholas Johnson, Thomas Carey —
Roswell B. Hodge, Stephen Harrington, Horace Parker, —
Harding Woodard, Benjamin Forkstall, Claudius B. Long
Lewis Holbrook, William H. Morton, Thomas D. Wright, —
Horace P. Brown, Waterman A. Fisher, Levi L. Dalley, —
Daniel Wheelock, Charles Towne, Henry D. Howard, —
Luke S. Farnum, Harvey Eddy, Jesse Farnum, —
Joseph Leland 2nd. Luke Leland Jr. Barnabas Drury, —
Jerome Drury, Levi Rawson, Charles Hagar, —
Jefferson Billows, Joel White, Leander Batchelder, —
Lorenzo Plympton, Isaac L. Brown, William Spear, —
Joshua Spear Jr. John G. Phillips, Joel Cobb, —
Charles Burr, John L. Knowlton, Stephen Cutler, —
Jonathan L Falch, Lorin Brigham, John Bridges, —
Theophilus Healy, Japhet Gray, Otis Grissel, —
Horatio Conner, William H. H. Conner, Joseph Ray, —
— Hawkins, John L. Cooper, Loarin Batchelder,
Chauncy P. Brown Hiram Foster, Charles Goddard,
Daniel Whitney, Charles A. Smith, Horatio Fiske,
Benjamin Lewis, Augustus Williams, Luke Cass, —
Jeroks Inman, David Putnam, John Stephens, —
Samuel Whitaker, Healy Baker, Rufus B. Potter, —
Rufus W. Davenport, William Housan, Barnabas Newton, —
James K. Cheney, John M. Hubbard, Noah Fletcher, —
Charles D. Munroe, John B. White, John Daniels, —
Winthrop Faulkner. James S. Green, Pitts Garnard, —
Leander S. Pratt, Orin Dedman, Christopher Doty, —
William Wales. Horace H. Daniels, George Adams. —
Solomon D. Hall, — James A. Goodale, James M. White, —
Elisha S. Livermore, John L. Gowney, Harison Barras
Jason Putnam, Levi Green, Samuel F. Redding, —
George H. Whitney, Daniel Witherell, Rufus B. Buffington, —
Samuel G. Goddard, William Pierce, William W. Ayres, —
Samuel A. Dalrimple, Francis Mc Intire, Daniel A. Wesson,
Martin Bassett, Jonathan Hodgeney, Caleb Woods, —
Benjamin Robinson, William E. Stockwell, Francis Winn, —
William S. Bruce, John Bruce, Francis Wheelock, —
John Bigelow, — John Whitney, John F. Smith, — —
Francis Montague, Levi M. Harrington, Cyrel Aldrich, —
Charles Campbell, Anson Hancock, Charles M. Foster, —
Oliver G. Davenport, David R. Chamberlain Silas Vinton,
John G. Holden, Smith Baker, — Samuel G. Longdon, —
Martin Wesson, Francis H. Rice, Silas Warren, —
Charles Warren, Edward Gillman, George W Fairbanks, —
John Briggs, Thompson Kimberly Jr. Luther Hunter Jr,
Noah Kimball, Salem Griggs, Thurston S. Griggs, —
Jonathan H. Wood, Charles A. Pierce, Samuel F Stone, —
Charles E. Thayer, John M. Davenport, Richard Smith
Charles Foster, Augustus S. Haywood Dexter B. Wingate —

James L. Harper, William Holbrook, Sylvanus Pratt,
Fisher Bosworth, Lincoln Woods, Peter F. Wheeler,
Elisha W. Hinds, Abel Maynard, Sylvester Ballard,
Henry A. Ball, Augustus Goodnough, H. D. S. Bigelow,
Wyman Fay, Charles E. Kimball, John Meriam,
Bradford Chase, Joseph Meriam, Jotham Wheeler,
Daniel Whitney, Reuben Eames, Levi B. Potter,
George W. Hosley, Jonas B. Brigham, William Sibley,
Christopher Leland, Calvin T. Thurston, Stephen R. White,
Hymond Thwing, James Inneman, David Bathrick,
Leonard Johnson, Jackson Harrington, Stillman Coburn,
Hiram Weatherby, Elijah L. Case, Ebenezer F. Burrill,
John H. Tyler, Juvenus J. Goodrich, Elisha Gowen,
Silas Stone, Thomas Aldrich, John Field, —
Joseph Dolliver, George W. Hastings, Jonas Munroe,
Cyrus Boggs, John Claflin, John B. Smith, —
Stephen Richardson, Warren J. Gay, Nathaniel G. Whitney,
John B. Rice, Orin Davis Amariah Holbrook,
William Rice, William Boyden, Leonard Brown, —
Samuel Walker, Joseph A. Warren, David F. Eames,
Frederick Waterman, Josiah H. Hammond, Hanson L. Read,
Henry G. Keith, Royal A. Keith, Henry G. Bunting,
Joseph Knox, Jonathan S. Fiske, Elliot Jourdan, —
William H. Fiske, William Jourdan, Jotham Taft, —
Daniel Lincoln, William Herrington, Moses L. Hayden,
Levi N. Leland, George W. Thurston, David Fay, —
Josiah Munyan, Curtis Forbush, Justin Forbush, —
Jason Eames, John P. Hayden, Sumner E. Stow, —
George Bishop, — Simeon B. Fay, Hezekiah Pettiss, —,
Dexter Hunt, Leonard S. Wheelock, Daniel L. Cutler, —
Abel Brigham, Lewis H. Bigelow, George L. Hubbard, —
William J. Davis, James J. Harding, Elijah B. Brooks. —
Arvin Thompson, Daniel Balch, Perry Putnam, — —
Joseph H. Whitney, William Barker, Chas. H. Fenerstone,
William A. Kinsley, Nehemiah Upham, Edward Smith, —
Smith Baker, Calvin W. Forbush, Wyman Fay, —
William G. Morse, William R. Wheelock, Samuel N. French,
Samuel Dispeau, William A. Dispeau, James Sweet, —
Silas Walcott, Isaac Mason, Samuel B. Dolliver,
Benjamin F. Gowen, Walter Harrington, Chas. J. Fay,
Elbridge G. Harrington, William Thornton, Chas H. Fay, —
Dexter B. Hathaway, Charles Thurber, Ethan Allen, —
Foreman Nelson, — Alvin Willard, Otis N. Pond, — —
Edwin Smith, Daniel G. Fairbanks, Samuel A. Brigham, —
Martin Stow, A. F. Smith, John Putnam Jr,
George Buffington, Joseph B. Flagg, Charles Putnam,
Stephen H. Oliver, Robert D. Chase, David Chase, —
Jabez L. Wright, Salisbury Sprague, David Fisher, —
James S. Pinkham, James G. Putnam, S. B. Wheelock, —

William P. Mascroft. William D. Mascroft, Abraham M. Bigelow.
Lovel Stow Jr, Rufus Wesson Jr. Simeon B. Mascroft, —
Emory Cummings, Nathan S. Skinner, Moses K Shepardson,
Egastus White, J. S. Harrington, Joseph G. Batchelder, —
Samuel C. Flagg. William R. Thompson, Solomon Brigham,
Willard Cruchwood. James L. Martin. Geo. W. Smith,
William W. Collier, J. W. Putnam. J. R. Putnam, —
George W. Howard. Hanson L. Harrington. John Harrington,
Thomas Sargents, Samuel W. Putnam, Luke F. Allen,
Joseph P. Leland. William Storomb, Charles F. Leland. —
Willard Bellows, Nathan S. Harrington Edwin Morse,
Thomas F. Bacon, William Jewell. John W. Emory
Edwin Babcock, Thomas P. Wheelock, Andrew D. King
George Newton, Peter Pelsey. Nathan S. Wheelock. —
Charles C. Brigham, William Carter, Sylvester Richmond
William Sampson, G. L. Wheelock. River H. Wheelock,
Luther Stow. —

The whole Number of Persons enrolled is
Four Hundred. —

A true copy of all the Names of Persons enrolled by the Assessors in the Militia in the Town of Grafton. June A. D. 1841. —

Attest Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

L.S. L.S. L.S. L.S. L.S.

Worcester, ss,

To either of the constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting,

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, Qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Thirtieth day of August instant, at three O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles; to wit: —

1st. To choose a Moderator of said Meeting, —.

2nd To see if the Town will take any Measures to oppose the laying out the road by the County Commissioners Petitioned for by Salmon Hathaway and others, or act thereon. — . —

3rd To see if the Town will cause more lots to be laid out on the Burying grounds, — . — . —

Continued over

4th To see if the town will grant leave for religous Meetings to be held in the town Hall by request of Samuel Houghton, — . — . ———

5th To Hear the report of any out standing committees and act thereon as they shall think proper, —

6th To see if the town will cause a room to be partitioned off in the town Hall for the use of the Selectmen and other town Officers for the transaction of town business, — . — . —

7th To accept town Debts, — . — —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested there of at each of the Public Meeting houses in the centre of said town, and at the Meeting house in N. E. Village, to stand over two sundays at least before the holding of said Meeting, — . —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the hour of said Meeting,

Given under our hands and seals this fourteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one. —

Benja Kingsbury
Luke Leland
Joseph Kimball
Samuel W. Putnam
} Select Men of Grafton.

Worcester, ss, August 30th 1841.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy there of at each of the Public Meeting houses in said town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant. —

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton,

A True Copy
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs held at the town Hall in said Grafton on monday the thirtieth day of August A. D. 1841. pursuant to warning. The following proceedings were had, to wit:—

Art. 1st By Ballot chose Charles Brigham Junr. Moderator.

Art. 2nd Voted to choose a committee of nine to act on this article,

By vote chose Isaac W. Wood
Lovel Baker
Charles Brigham
Joseph Bruce
Philip Wing
Russel Whitlock
Harvey J. Pratt
Perley Goddard
Oliver M. Brigham
} For said Committee

Art. 3rd. The Town voted to layout more lots. viz:—
voted to layout three rows of lots adjoining those already laid out of the same size of those laid out, —
voted the selectmen be a committee to layout said lots. —

Art. 4th Voted to grant the Petition of Samuel Houghton by their praying for the use of said Hall to the satisfaction of the selectmen

Art. 5th The committee made a verbal report by Mr. Philip Wing on the road near Enoch Forbush's House. and the town voted to pass over this article

Art 6th voted to pass over this article,

Art 7th voted to accept the following debts. viz:
voted to accept Doctr Levi Rawson's acct for visiting schools from March 1838 to March 1839. — $15.00
Also voted to accept said Rawson's acct. for 24 days services in visiting schools from March 1839. to March 1840. — 24.00
voted to accept Susan J Meriam's acct. for wood and House rent furnished Thom Painter in the years of 1837 & 1838. 17.00
$56.00

And the Meting was dissolved

Attest

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

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We the subscribers Selectmen of Westborough and Grafton have this 14th September A. D. 1841. met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Westboro' being the most ancient town, for the purpose of perambulating the lines, and renewing the marks between our said Towns, and having attended that service, make return as follows, viz:- Beginning at a Stone erected at the corner of Upton and Westboro, on the Grafton line thence N. 1¾ W. four hundred & sixty three rods to a Stone erected on Benj.ª Nurses land, thence S. 87° W. three hundred and fifty two rods to a Stone erected at a corner, thence N. 51¼. W. thirty three rods to a Stone erected at an angle, thence N. 15½. E. twenty rods to a Stone erected at an angle, thence N. 8½. W. eighteen rods to a Stone erected at angle, thence N. 28½. W. thirty eight rods to a Stone erected at an angle on the north side of the road, thence N. 21½. E. seventy rods to a Stone erected at an angle in the wall, thence crossing the Rail Road N. 45°. W. thirty one rods to a Stone erected at a corner of Grafton, Shrewsbury, and Westborough. — . . —
Dated this 14th September A.D. 1841. — . —

Nathaniel E. Fisher } Selectmen of
Moses G. Maynard } Westborough,

Benj.ª Kingsbury } Selectmen of
Joseph Kimball } Grafton

A true copy Attest, — Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

We the subscribers Selectmen of Grafton and Millbury have this twenty seventh ~~day~~ of September A. D. 1841 Met agreeable to notice given by the Select men of Grafton being the most ancient town for the purpose of perambulating the lines and renewing the marks between our said towns according to the laws of this commonwealth and having attended to that duty - Make the following return, viz:- Beginning at a Stone erected at the corner of Millbury & Sutton on the Grafton line thence North 1¾ W. Ten hundred and forty nine rods to a Monument erected at the corner of Millbury and Worcester on the said Grafton line. Dated this Twenty seventh day of Sept. 1841

Benj.ª Kingsbury } Selectmen
Joseph Kimball. } of Grafton

Aaron Trask } Selectmen of
Simon Dudley } Millbury, —

A true copy Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

We the subscribers Selectmen of Shrewsbury and Grafton met to perambulate the lines between said Towns and renew the marks, have performed that duty, and make the following report that number of Monuments is 27. between said towns, and have made such alterations as to make said Monuments conform to the survey and maps of said towns,

Adam Harrington
Caleb H. Warren
Jonas H. Allen
Selectmen of
Shrewsbury.

Benj^a Kingsbury
Samuel W. Putnam
Selectmen of
Grafton.

Dated this twentieth day of Sept^r. 1841.

A true Copy.
Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

We the subscribers Selectmen of Grafton and Upton, have this 20th day of September A. D. 1841. met agreable to notice given by the Selectmen of Grafton, (being the most ancient Town) for the purpose of perambulating the lines and renewing the marks between our said Towns and having attended to that service make return as follows,

Beginning at a stone monument which being a corner of Grafton, Upton & Northbridge running North 14 5/6 Degrus west 170 rods to a Stone monument at the corner of Royal Keiths pasture, Thence North 72 5/6 degrus east 96 rods to a Stone monument being a corner of Reuben Wood jr & Thomas M. Baker's meadow, Thence North 34 1/6 west 201. rods to a stone monument, being a corner of W^d Hayden's land, Thence north 88 1/2 east 197. rods to a stone monument at the line of Ward Bakers land, Thence north 1 degree east 956 rods to a stone monuments, being the corner of Worsboro, Grafton, and Upton.

September 20th. 1841.

Luke Leland
Levi N. Leland
Selectmen of
Grafton.

Jotham Bradish
Moses Whitney,
Selectmen
of Upton

A true copy
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Grafton and Northbridge, have this twentieth day of September A.D 1841. met agreable to notice given by the Selectmen of Grafton (that being the most ancient Town) for the purpose of perambulating the line and renewing the bounds of said towns, and having attended that service and proceeded as follows, — Begining in the Blackstone river at the corner of Sutton and Grafton, by a Stone monument on the easterly side of said river running south eighty three degrees East 490 rods to a heap of Stones, being a corner of Grafton, Upton, and Northbridge, also a corner of a tract of land owned by Jefferson Billows, — .

September 20th 1841. — .

Luke Leland } Selectmen of
L. N. Leland. } Grafton.

Silas Rawson } Selectmen of
Levi Fuller. } Northbridge. —

A true Copy
Attest. Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk, — .

U.S. Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester,

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to Notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote, in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the town hall in said Grafton on monday the eighth day of November next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon being the second Monday of said Month to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for the district of Worcester for the year ensuing, and also to choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first wednesday of January next. —

The votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators will all be received on one Ballot, and for representative on a Separate ballot. The polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above Officers at ten O'Clock in the forenoon of said day.

You are directed to notify the inhabitants aforesaid to meet at the same place at two O'Clock in the afternoon of said day to act on the following articles. —

(Up)

1st. To choose a Moderator for said meeting,

2nd. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money to mut the expenses of the Town, or direct their collector to make immediate collection of all taxes that are uncollected and pay over the same to the Treasurer or act thereon,

3rd. To accept the laying out of a road by the Selectmen as petitioned for by Hollis Chamberlain and others or act thereon,

4th. To see if the town will cause the Hearse-house to be shingled and other repairs,

5th. To hear the report of any out standing committees and act thereon,

6th To accept town debts,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy at each of the Meeting Houses in the Centre of said Town, and at the Meeting house at N. E. Village nine days at least before the time for holding said meeting,

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaide,

Given under our hands and seals this twenty sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one,

Benj.a Kingsbury
Luke Leland
Levi N. Leland
Samuel W. Putnam
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester, ss, November 8. 1841.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Town of Grafton, pursuant to the directions in said warrant,

Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton,

A true Copy
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections, and in Town affairs held on the eighth day of November A.D. 1841. – being the second Monday of said month, the whole number of votes given in for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and five Senators on one Ballot were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, the whole number of ballots given in for Governor, and Lieutenant Governor, was ascertained, and the whole number of ballots was four hundred sixty eight. and were for the following persons; – viz: –

For Governor { John Davis, had Two hundred fifty five votes. –
Marcus Morton " One hundred eighty votes, –
Lucius Bolwood " Thirty three votes. –

For Lieut Governor { George Hull " Two hundred fifty five votes.
Henry H. Childs " one hundred eighty. – votes
Ebenezer Hunt " Thirty three votes. – – –

The whole number of Ballots given in for Senators was four hundred and sixty seven, and were for the following persons, viz:-

Samuel Wood, had Two hundred forty three votes, – – –
James Allen – " Two hundred fifty four votes, –
Amory Holman " Two hundred fifty three votes, –
Emory Washburn " Two hundred fifty four votes,
Alexander De. Witt " Two hundred fifty four votes. –
John Spurr – " One hundred eighty. – votes, –
Isaac Davis. – " One hundred seventy nine votes. –
Nathaniel Wood " one hundred eighty votes. – – –
Adam Harrington " one hundred eighty one votes. –
Benjamin E. Babrook " one hundred eighty. – votes, –
Charles Humphrey " Thirty four – votes, –
Cyrus Pitt, Grosvenor " Thirty four. – votes, –
Isaac R. Barbour " Thirty three – votes, –
Thomas Walter Ward " Thirty three – votes, –
Joshua Titus Everett " Thirty three – votes. –

The whole number of Ballots given in for a Representative to the General Court was four hundred and forty six. and were for the following persons. viz: – – –

At a meting held on the same day pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had; viz:—

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Joseph Bruce Moderator of said Meting.—

Art. 2nd. Voted to pass over this article.—

Art. 3. Voted to accept the report of the Select men in their laying out the road mentioned in this article, which is in the words and figures following:—

We the subscribers, Select men of the Town of Grafton have laid out for the use of the town way as follows:- Beginning at a Stake and Stones on the Northerly side of the road leading from Grafton to Worcester on a corner of land of Benj.a W. Fay and Daniel G. Fairbanks, thence through Benj.a W. Fay's land N. 18¾ W. 18 rods 19 links to a Stake and Stones by the side of a wall, thence on said Fay's land N. 4¾ W. 18 rods 15 links to a maple tree marked, thence on said Fay's land N. 11° W. 4 rods 23 links to a white pine tree marked thence on said Fay's land N. 18¾ W. 12 rods 11 l. to a Stake in the seam of a rock, thence N. 18° W. 7 rods 18 links to a maple tree marked, thence N. 5° W. 12 rods 3 tenths to a gate post at the end of a wall on the line between Benj.a W. Fay and Hollis Chamberlains, thence N. 14° E. on said Chamberlains land 22 rods 14 links to a Stake and Stones, thence N. 12° W. to a Stake and Stones by the side of an Appletree 17 rods and 5 links near the House of the said Chamberlain, whole distance 114 rods 8 links,— said road to be 2 rods wide and to lie on the easterly side of the aforesaid courses,— And we agree with the owners of the land over which said road passes for their damages as follows, to the said Benj.a W. Fay twenty dollars to be paid by the Town of Grafton before the opening of said road, the said Chamberlain releases all damages for the laying said way through his lands, and we allowed the said owners of the land aforesaid two months to take off the wood standing and growing thereon, which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and which accepted and recorded, is forever after to be known as a public town way. Dated at Grafton this first day of Nov. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.—

Benj.a Ringsbury
Luke Leland
Levi N. Leland
} Select men of Grafton.

A true copy, Attest Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

and the Meting was adjourned to Monday the 22nd November current at 1. O' Clock P. M.—

Attest Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Monday November 22nd. 1841. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 8th inst.- the following further proceedings were had; to wit:-

By Ballot chose Benjamin Kingsbury Moderator of said Meeting protem.

The Town took up the fourth article.

Art. 4th. Voted to Choose a Committee of three to act on this article.

By vote chose Philip Wing, Noah Kimball, and Samuel Hall } Committee

Art. 5th The Town voted to accept the account of the Committee for procuring a new Hearse for said Town amounting to. — $140.00

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on the New England Village road and Bridge and to allow the account amounting in Gross amount to. $2087.17

Voted to accept the following accounts; viz:—

Royal A. Keith's account of--		$4.25
Charles Brigham Jr	" "	20.00
Samuel Hall's --	" "	7.00
William G. Morse's	" for Engine	5.91
Samuel F Redding	" " —	10.00

Voted to take up the second article

Art, 2nd. The question being put in writing, The Town voted to authorize their Treasurer to borrow a sum of money not exceeding one hundred and twenty five dollars, on a time not exceeding sixty days to pay the interest due on the Towns not at Boston,

And the Meeting was dissolved,

Attst Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote-

in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the 22nd day of November instant at two O' clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to Wit:—

1st. To Choose a Moderator of said Meeting, —

2nd. To see if the Town will cause the new located road from Daniel G. Fairbank's to Hollis Chamberlain's to be made or act thereon, — . — . —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in the Centre of said Town and at the Meeting house at N. E. Village to stand over two Sundays at least before the Time for holding said Meeting, — . —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as afore said, —

Given under our hands and seals, this thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Benj.a Kingsbury
Luke Leland
Samuel W. Putnam
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss,
November, 22nd 1841. —

I have served the with in warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said Town of Grafton, pursuant to the directions in said warrant. —

Charles Prentiss, Constable of Grafton.

A. Copy,
Attest.

Charles Prentiss, Town, Clerk,

At a legal muting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on monday the twenty second day of November A.D. 1841. pursuant to warning. the following proceedings were had; to wit:—

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Benjamin Kingsbury Moderator,

Art. 2nd. Voted to choose a committee of three persons to cause the road Mentioned in this article to be made.

By vote chose Lovel Baker — } for said committee.
Moses H. Adams }
Joseph Adams }

and the muting was dissolved

Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

We the subscribers Select men of Sutton and Grafton have this twenty fourth day of November A.D. 1841. Met agreable to notice given by the Selectmen of Sutton (that being the most ancient Town) for the purpose of perambulating the lines and renewing the Marks between our said Towns, and having attended that service make returns as follows,— Begining at a Stone Monument at the corner of Sutton and Millbury on the Grafton line westerly of the House of Stephen Holbrook, thence running south one and five sixth degrees east four hundred and sixteen rods, to a Stone monument near the Muting-house in Wilkinsonville, thence North eighty seven degrees and forty minutes east four hundred and ninety eight rods to the center of the Black Stone River at a Stone Monument standing on the westerly side of said river thence southerly in the center of said river as it now runs to Northbridge line at a Stone monument standing on the easterly side of said river, which being a corner of Sutton & Grafton, — Nov. 24th 1841.

Sullivan Newton } Select men of
Somroy Peck . . } Sutton, —

Luke Leland } Select men of
Levi N. Leland } Grafton

A true Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton
L.S. in the County of Worcester, — . . — .

Greeting.
L.S. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are
L.S. directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town
of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the
Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the 7th day of
February next at one O'clock P. M. to act on the
following articles; to wit: — . — . — . — .

1st To choose a Moderator of said Meeting, — .

2nd; To see what measures if any the town will take to
oppose the annexing a part of the Town of Sutton
to the town of Grafton as Petitioned for by —
Erastus Fisher and others to the General Court.

3rd To hear the report of any out Standing Com-
-mittee and act thereon, — . — . — .

4th To see if the town will dispose of their old Hearse,

5th To accept town debts, . — . — . — .

And you are directed to serve this warrant by
posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the
Public Meeting-houses in the centre of said Town and
at the Meeting-house in N.E. Village to stand
over two Sundays at least before the time for —
holding said Meeting; — . — . —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this
warrant, with your doings thereon to the town Clerk,
at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid, —

Given under our hands and Seals this twenty
ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand
eight hundred and forty two, —

Benjamin Kingsbury } Selectmen
Luke Leland, — } of
Samuel W. Putnam } Grafton,

Worcester, ss. February 7th. 1842.
I have served the within Warrant by posting up an attes-
-ted copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting —
Houses in the Town of Grafton. Pursuant to the
directions in said warrant, —
Charles Prentice Constable of Grafton

A true copy
Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the seventh day of February A. D. 1842. pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had; to wit:—

Art. 1st By Ballot chose Benjamin Kingsbury Moderator,

Art. 2nd after reading the Petition of Erastus Fisher and others the town voted to choose a committee of three persons to ascertain the facts and report without delay what what liabilities said Town of Grafton may be subject to by granting the request of the Petitioners in this article.

By vote chose Joseph Brown
Samuel Houghton
E. B. Bigelow. } for said committee.

after hearing the report of the committee. the Town moved to lay it on the table

Then the town took up the motion made by Otis Adams. to see whether the town will grant the request of the Petitioners or not, after dividing the house it passed in the negative yeas 58. Nays 64.

Benjamin Kingsbury requested to be excused of his duty as Moderator of this Meeting. the vote was taken and the request granted.

By Ballot chose Luke Leland Moderator in his place,

Motion was made by Otis Adams, to adjourn this this meeting sine die. divided the House and the vote passed in the negative yeas 52. Nays 56.

Motion was made by E. B. Bigelow to adjourn this Meeting to wednesday next at this place at 1. O'clock P. M. after dividing the House the vote passed in the negative yeas 51. Nays. 57.

Motion made by Mr. Long, To adjourn this Meeting till tomorrow to meet at this place at 1. O'clock, P. M. the vote was taken by dividing the House and passed in the negative yeas 56. Nays 58.

on motion of Otis Adams Made to adjourn this Meeting till half past one O'clock P. M.

tomorrow to mete at this place the vote was taken by dividing the House and it passed in affirmative yeas. 60. Nays 56. — and the meeting was adjourned till tomorrow to mete at this place at half past one o'clock P. M. — Attest

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

February 8th 1842. The town having met pursuant to adjournment from the seventh instant, the following further proceedings were had; to wit: —

Took up the seconde article, —

Art. 2nd. Motion was Made by Joseph Bruce to instruct our Senator and Representative in General Court, to oppose the annexing a part of Sutton as petitioned for by Erastus Fisher and others, and after dividing the House, the vote passed in the negative, —

Motion was made by E. B. Bigelow to reconsider the vote taken yesterday on motion made by Otis Adams to see whether the Town will grant the request of the petition or not the vote was taken by dividing the House and the vote was reconsidered. —

motion was made by Otis Adams accept the request of the Petitioners to annex that part of Sutton to Grafton as Petitioned for by Erastus Fisher and others, and to instruct our Senator and Representative in General Court to use their influence to have the same annexed and the vote passed in the affirmative

and the meeting was by vote dissolved,

Attest, Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

To the Hon. Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled, The Petition of the Subscribers, inhabitants of the town of Sutton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, humbly Shews that, Whereas our residence is in the extreme northeasterly part of said town of Sutton, at a distance of five Miles from the centre & from the place of meeting for the transactions of Public business and also that our location is such that in order that our Children may receive the Customary advantages of the District schools, they are obliged to travel a distance of from two to three Miles by road to reach the School—

House in our district or subjects us to frequent complaints & heavy liabilities in crossing lands not belonging to us, and whereas the religious societies of which we are members worships in the central part of Grafton, a distance of about two & a half miles, and about the whole of our business is transacted in Grafton; Therefore your petitioners humbly pray that they with their lands & buildings may be annexed to the said Town of Grafton, thereby relieving us of the burdens & inconveniences of which we complain & enabling us to enjoy the advantages of an easy access to important Meetings for religious or secular purposes; and also that our Children may reap the benefit of a regular attendance upon instructions of the district School which is only about half a mile from us in said Grafton, and as in duty bound will ever pray. — — —

Erastus Fisher & others

Sutton January 1842.

A true Copy.
Attest Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk, —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
In Senate Jan. 18. 1842.

on the petition aforesaid, Ordered, That the Petitioners cause an attested copy of their petition with this Order thereon, to be served on the several Clerks of the towns of Grafton & Sutton ten days, at least, before the fourth day of February next to that all persons interested, may then appear, and shew cause, if any they have why the Prayer of said Petition should not be granted, —

sent down for concurrence Chas. Calhoun Clerk,

In the House of Representatives. Jan. 18. 1842.
Concurred.
L. S. Cushing Clerk,

A true Copy Attest. Chas. Calhoun, Clerk of the Senate

A true Copy Attest, Cyrus Batchelor

A. true Copy
Attest.
Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk,

L.S.
L.S.
L.S.
L.S.
L.S.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester,

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the seventh day of March next at nine O' clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles; to wit:

1st. To choose a Moderator of said meeting.

2nd. To choose all necessary town Officers for the year ensuing.

3rd. To hear the annual report of the Select-men, and act thereon.

4th. To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.

5th. To see what sums of money the town will raise to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the current year, and to appropriate the same.

6th To determine the manner of repairing the roads and Bridges within the town the ensuing year.

7th. To hear and act on the reports of any outstanding Committee or Officers of the town.

8th. To see if the town will cause one of the Bells to be rung at noon and at nine O' clock in the evening.

9th. To see if the town will continue to defray the same charges for Burials as they have done for the year past.

10th. To see if the Treasurer shall be collector of taxes the ensuing year and if so to determine his compensation and the abatements to be made on taxes paid in 30. 60. and 120 days from the time the tax bill shall be committed to the Collector.

11th. To see if the town will fix a time within which all taxes shall be paid, and to determine the measures to be taken with those who neglect to pay within that time.

12th. To see if the town will cause a new division of their school money, — . — . — .

At the annual meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the seventh day of March A. D. 1842. Pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had; to wit:—

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Joseph Bruce, Moderator of said meeting.—

Art. 2nd. By Ballot chose Benjamin Kingsbury } Sworn March 22. 1842.
Luke Leland
Levi N. Leland } Selectmen Sworn March 22. 1842
Joseph Kimball } Sworn March 22. 1842.
Samuel W. Putnam, } Sworn March 22. 1842

By Ballot chose Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, Sworn March 22. 1842 by Joseph Bruce Just. Peace.—

By Ballot chose Chandler M. Pratt } Sworn May 9. 1842
Lewis Holbrook } Assessors, Sworn May 9. 1842
Samuel Harrington } Sworn March 9th 1842. by C. Prentice T. Clerk.

Voted to take up the fourth article

Art. 4th the whole number of Ballots given for County Treasurer was one hundred and twenty eight, —and— Anthony Chase. had one hundred twenty eight votes,

Took up the second Article

Art. 2nd, By Ballot chose Jonathan Warren. Town Treasurer.— and March 12. 1842. appeared and was Sworn by C. Prentice T. Clerk

The town voted to choose three persons for their General General School committee,—

By Ballot chose Charles Thurber,
Rev. Carneau Palfrey
Thomas C. Biscoe } General School Committee.

Voted to add two more to said committee

By Ballot chose Levi Rawson:
and " William C. Richards

By Ballot chose Charles Prentice
John B. White, } Sworn March 22. 1842 by Jos Bruce Just. Peace Constables,—

The town voted to have thirteen Highway Surveyors, and collectors of highway taxes, for the ensuing year.—

By vote chose, Otis Converse
Henry G. Prentiss
Silas Forbush.
Pardon Aldrich
Timothy Meriam
Chandler M. Pratt.
Orlando Whitney
John L. Cooper
Peter Hunt
Elijah B. Brooks
Luke Leland
Salmon Hathaway
Benj.a Heywood Jr

Sworn March 17. 1842.
Sworn June 1. 1842.
Sworn May 31. 1842.
Sworn June 10th 1842
Sworn May 26. 1842.
Highway Surveyors and, Sworn March 17. 1842
Collectors of highway taxes, Sworn March 12. 1842
Sworn March 17. 1842.
Sworn March 14. 1842.
Sworn April 18. 1842.
Russel Wentock. Chosen and qualified in place
Sworn March 14. 1842.

By vote chose Charles Brigham
Samuel Harrington
Fence Viewers,
Sworn March 9. 1842.

Voted to have three sealers of Leather.

By vote chose Jonathan Warren
John Whitney
Samuel Harrington
Sworn March 12. 1842.
Sealers of Leather,
Sworn March 9. 1842.

Voted to have three surveyors of Lumber.

By vote chose Philip Wing
James H. Chendy
Martin Harrington
Surveyors of Lumber. Sworn March 7. 1842

Voted to choose twelve Measurers of wood.

By vote chose, Rufus E. Warren
David White
Charles Prentiss
Isaac L. Brown
Charles B. Jenks
Esek Saunders.
Sworn March 21. 1842.
Sworn March 10. 1842.
Measurers of Woods.

By vote chose, Isaac S. Harrington } Sworn March 17. 1842.
Samuel Houghton,
Rufus Rice.
Otis Adams.
Salem Griggs.
Lawson Munyan. } Measurers of wood.

Voted to have three field drivers.

By vote chose, Daniel Whitney } Sworn March 10. 1842.
William Sampson } Field Sworn Drivers } March 16. 1842.
Obediah Redding } Sworn March 12. 1842.

By vote chose Leander S. Pratt. Pound Keeper.

By vote chose Nathan Hancock Sealer of weights and Measures.
who appeared and was Sworn by me March 18. 1842. E. Pointer J. Peace.
Voted to choose three persons to audit accounts

By vote chose Otis Adams
E. B. Bigelow } for said Committee.
Philip Wing

Voted to choose a Committee of three to superintend to Bridges and Sluiceways that are eight feet across and over.
By vote chose, James H. Cheney. declined serving. - afterwards accepted
Philip Wing
Jonas B. Bigham } for said Committee
Perley Goddard.

Voted to add four to the above Committee on Bridges and Sluiceways.
By vote Chose David Jones
Charles B. Jenks } for said Committee.
Oliver M. Bigham
and James H. Cheney, } who accepted the Office.

Voted to take up the third article.
Art. 3rd. the town voted to accept the annual report of the Select men.

while is in the words and figures following. —

Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton for the year ending Mar. 4. 1843. — — — — — —

Fellow citizens, in laying before you the annual report of the standing of the town, — — — — —

The first thing we shall present you for your consideration is the expense of supporting paupers at your Alms house establishment for the year ending Mar. 3d. 1842. — — — — — — — —

Cost of Farm. — —	$3086.73
Amount of Stock Farming Tools hay grain, furniture provisions &c now on the farm. — — — — —	966.68
Interest on the farm at 5 per cents. —	154.33
Agents Salary — — —	300.00
Sundry orders paid Agents. — — —	56.00
paid for Cow, — — — —	15.00
paid Sundry bills in Cash & produce	143.61
Dr. —	$669.44

Resources of Farm. — —

Received in Cash & Goods. — — —	151.94
Bills due the Town. — — — —	19.91
Balance in the hands of Agents. — —	29.08
Cash received from J. Johnson from State	25.55
produce of various kinds above last year.	43.45
leaving the cost of supporting Paupers	$269.93
on farm above the receipts. — — —	$399.51

Number of weeks board 323. average no. of Persons supported 6⅕. — average cost per week $1.17. whole number admitted 8. —

This we think argues well the utility of a farm for the support of this unfortunate portion of our fellow Citizens, that while the expense is very materially reduced they are rendered more comfortable & happy than when set up at auction (as goods and Chattels, with this difference struck off at the lowest bider instead of the highest. — They are not pampered with the all dainties & luxuries of the —

voluptuous, - supplied with good wholesome food in sufficient quantities for their health and comfort, and allowed every reasonable indulgence, a fare that would well compare with that of the farmers of New England, - The amount of manual labour performed by the inmates at the establishment in consequence of their age and infirmities, is small which makes the labour on the farm less than it should be, and we would here suggest the propriety of having more help during the busy part of the year on the farm - as productive of the interest of the town, that while economy should be strictly adhered to on the one hand, parsimony should be avoided on the other, The Paupers now on the farm we believe could not be let out to board but at a great expense, and we think the cost of supporting them without an Alms house would be twice as much as it does at present with one, - - -

Amount of money paid for the support of Paupers not at the Alms-house. - - - - - -

Paid for wid. Catherine Whipple, - - -	$ 93.91
Paid at Boston in support of Anne Batchelder and Harriot Tibbits to overseers of house of correction	88.71
Paid House rent for Henry Smith, - - - -	25.00
Paid in support of Ellen Barrett, - - - -	14.69
Paid for in Wm. T. Abbots last sickness, - -	10.42
	$ 232.64
Paid for wid. Ruth Davis funeral charges, -	24.03
Whole amount paid the past year in support of Paupers off farm, - - - - -	$ 256.67
if we deduct the expenses incurred previous to Feb. 27. 1841. it leaves the expense for supporting paupers off farm over and above the receipts of the same,	199.26
	57.41

Whole number of persons assisted during the year 16. cost on the farm, - - - - - $ 399.51
those not on farm. - 57.41
Cost of supporting whole number paupers for the past year over and above the receipts for the year. $ 456.92

Report of the Selectmen for the expenses of the town for the year ending on the 4th day of March. 1842. - - - - - -

Paid for the support of schools, - - -	$ 1513.67
Paid General School Committee, - - -	82.20

Paid for the Towns Hearse.	$147.00
Paid on town note at Boston.	500.00
Interest on town notes at Boston	230.72
Engine mans,	38.64
Abatement on taxes,	12.69
Paid Select-mens orders.	1118.39
Expenses of the town	$3643.73

whole amount paide for town charges including five hundred dollars paid on the principal of towns note $230.72 interest,

The Select-mens further report that have settled with the Treasurer and his amounts stands as follows:— To Balance on hand last year. — $1355.20
Town grant. — 3000.00
Over-layings on all taxes, — 162.37

For State papers.	75.29
Cash paid by the Selectmen,	13.92
Interest received on Emory Singletarys note.	60.40
Interest received on Nathan Hancocks note.	30.00
Interest received on Austin Holbrooks note	30.45
Interest on — Robert W. Flaggs note.	30.00
State School fund receivable.	128.11
Appropriated money. — Totals	$4885.74
	3643.51
Out standing orders in favor of the town balance	1242.23
	137.73
	$1104.50
un appropriated Money School fund.	1000.00

Money arising from surplus fund and appropriated to pay town debts bearing interest

Austin Holbrook's note.	$1000.00
Robert W. Flagg's note.	1000.00
	$2000.00

Nathan Hancocks note paide $1000.00 — paide by the Treasurer on Towns note Boston agreable to a vote of the town,

Interest due on three of the above notes,	131.00
Interest due on School note,	60.00
estimated amount of debt due 1. April	877.60

During the past year all the town lines have been perambulated according to law, made & provided in such cases, with the exception of the Grafton and Worcester line, Stone Monuments have been —

erected at the angles where there was none erected before
monuments removed & ascertained to be wrong and the lines
so as to conform to the survey and maps of the several Towns
and all previous difficulty and uneasiness in relation to
said lines adjusted in a manner satisfactory (as we think) to
all the parties concerned, — — — — —

All of which is respectfully submitted, — — —

Benjamin Kingsbury
Levi N. Leland,
Joseph Kimball
Samuel W. Putnam,
} Selectmen of Grafton, —

voted to take up the thirteenth Article

Art. 13th. The town voted to authorize their Prudential
Committees of the several School Districts to
hire their teachers for the ensuing year, —

voted to take up the twelfth Article

Art. 12th. The town voted to have a Committee, one from each
District to take the subject of this article into
consideration. — — — — —

By vote chose Philip Wing
Jonathan R. Putnam
Benjamin Kingsbury
Lewis Holbrook
Joshua W. Leland
Luke Leland
Royal A. Keith, —
Silas Forbush
Moses H. Adams
Joseph Kimball
} Voted to have eighteen four wards
By vote chose Joseph W. Stoorab. as asst. Offic
" " " James B. Cheney. as asst. to office
" " " Charles B. Jenks. as asst. "
" " " E. B. Bigelow
" " " Ezek. Saunders
" " " J. W. Putnam
" " " Jefferson Bellows
" " " C. M. Pratt. —
For said Committee.
" " " Wyman Gray.
" " " Calvin W. Forbush
" " " George Carpenter as asst. Offic
" " " David Jourdan
" " " Austin Holbrook
" " " Levi N. Leland
" " " Joseph Batchelder
" " " Benjamin Kingsbury
" " " Samuel A. Knox
" " " Waterman A. Fisher,

Voted to take up the fifth article, and it was moved and granted to lay this article on the Table. —

Voted to take up the fifteenth Article. —

Art. 15th. The town voted choose a committee of five to examining and report on this article

By vote chose Samuel Woods
Philip Wing
James H. Chuney
Oliver M. Brigham
Joseph Adams.
} For said committee

And by vote the the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday the 22nd instant. at 1. O'clock in the afternoon at this place. — . —

Attest,

Charles Prentice. Town. Clerk. —

March 22nd 1842. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 7th Instant, the following further proceedings were had; to wit: — . — . —

After reading the record of the proceedings of the last Meeting, the Town took up the second Article and acted thereon as follows, — . — .

Art. 2nd By vote chose Jonas B. Brigham. High way Surveyor and collector of high-way Taxes, in place of Rev^d Otis Converse, who declined serving. — . — who appeared on the same day and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty, — By me —

Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

By Ballot. Chose Noah Kimball, Selectman in place of Luke Leland who was excused from serving. — . who appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty April 8. 1842 By C. Prentice T. Clerk.

Art. 5th. Voted to raise the sum of Thirty two hundred Dollars to defray the necessary Town charges for the ensuing Year —.

Voted to appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars including the interest on the school note and with what the Town receives from the commonwealth for schooling, one third of which is to be used for Summer Schools, and two thirds is to be used for winter schools, the ensuing year, —

Voted to raise the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the repairs of high-ways and slum ways short of eight feet across. —

Voted the amount to be raised for high-ways and slums be raised in a labor tax and to allow twelve and a half cents an hour for man and for oxen the time they work, the price for tools is left discretionary with the surveyors, —

Art 7th. The report of the General School Committee was read and by the Town accepted, —

Art. 15. Voted to accept the report of the Committee on this article, —
which is in the words following viz: —

The Committee chosen for the purpose of viewing the Buildings on the Town Farm, ask leave to report, —

Your Committee have examined the buildings on the Town farm and find all of them in decent order excepting the Dwelling-house, your Committee recommend to have fifty dollars and no more expended on the Dwelling-house, by shingling a part of the roof on the back side, and some other repairs necessary to make said house more comfortable, Respectfully submitted. —
Samuel Wood, Chairman,

Your Committee would suggest for the consideration of the town, the propriety of selling the Town farm and purchasing another Farm on account of the house, as your Committee consider the house that is now occupied for the Paupers, is inconvenient, and if the Paupers are to increase it would be very necessary to have a new house built, therefore your Committee would recommend selling this farm and purchase one that has a Dwelling house upon it sufficiently large to accomodate what Paupers that will fall upon the Town for support. —

A true Copy
Attest,

Samuel Woods, —

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

voted to pass over this 15th Article for the present. —
Took up the 8th Article. —

Art. 8th The Town voted to dispense with this article. —

Art. 9th The Town voted to continue to defray the same charges for Burials as they have done for the year past. —

Art. 10th voted to pass over this article, — — —

Art. 11th. The Town voted to put up the collection of Taxes to the lowest bidder, and it was struck off to Benjamin W. Fay at one per cent. — — — — —

By Ballot chose Benjamin W. Fay Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, who appeared and was Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty July 2nd 1842. Before me Charles Prentiss Town Clerk.

The Town voted the Taxes shall collected in the same way they were the year past, which was as follows; to wit; — — — — — — — — — —

That all poll Taxes be collected in Thirty days after the Tax Bill is delivered into the hands of the Collector, And that the remainder of all Taxes be Collected by the first day of January next, and those who neglect to pay their Taxes by the first day of January next. that they be collected according to Law; — — —

Art. 14th The Town voted to furnish seats suitable for the Town Hall. — voted to have a committee of three. Chosen for that purpose — — — — —

By vote chose. James H. Cheney, Oliver M. Brigham, A. M. Bigelow, } said Committee

Art. 16th The Town voted to pass over this article, —

Art. 17th The Town voted to accept the following Town Debts. — — — — —

Benjamin Kingsbury,	aut.	$ 7 50
Lewis N. Leland	"	3 00
Oliver M. Brigham	"	7 54

Corneau Palfrey,	aut.	$22.00
Samuel Hall,	"	5.00
Eseh Saunders,	"	31.48
Philip Wing	"	31.48
Philip Wing	"	.75
Samuel Hall	"	70.—
John Jennings	"	20.—
Charles Brigham jr.	"	2.37½

Art. 2nd By vote Chose Charles Goddard, Pound Keeper for the ensuing year,

Took up the Twelfth article

Art. 12th. The Committee on this article read their report. which was accepted by the town, and is in the following words and figures. viz: — — — —

The Committee appointed by the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton March 6th 1842. to make a new division of their money raised and appropriated by said Town for the support of their primary schools among the several School Districts having attended to duty Report, — — — — —

School District	No. 1. To receive,	15 3/4	per cent	
	No. 2. "	7	"	"
	No. 3. "	17 3/4	"	"
	No. 4. "	17 3/4	"	"
	No. 5. "	17 3/4	"	"
	No. 6. "	13.	"	"
	No. 7. "	7.	"	"
	No. 8. "	17 3/4	"	"
	No. 9. "	19.	"	"
	No 10 "	7 1/4	"	"
		160.		

Respectfully submitted by the subscribers. Grafton March 22nd 1842.

Philip Wing
Luke Leland
Benjamin Kingsbury
Lewis Holbrook.
Silas Forbush.
R. A. Keith,
Joseph Kimball,

A True Copy
Attest.
Charles Prentice T. Clerk, — — —

Art. 7th The Committee on Bridges and Sluces read their report, which was accepted by the Town and is in the following words and figures, viz. —

The Committee Chosen by the Town to build if necessary and repair all bridges in Town that have Sluces, 8 feet wide and upwards, having attended to that duty report, that they have during the past year built three new bridges, one in the Meriam District and two near the Central Factory which cost as follows, viz. —

Meriam District Bridge,	$16.00	
The Two near Cent. Factory,	109.40	
Repairs on all other bridges	56.01	
Whole amount of cost,	$. 181.41	$181.41

Received from Town Treasurer,
the past year towards the above amount $150.00
received for old bridge Stuff sold D. Whitney, 4.62
154.62
Balance due from Town. $. 26.79

Grafton March 22nd 1842 Respectfully submitted by the Subscribers, —
Philip Wing
Charles Brigham Jr.
A true copy Attest Charles Prentiss T. Clerk, —

Voted to accept the report of the Committee Chosen to make the road to the House of Hollis Chamberlain, which is in words following, viz; —

Your Committee Chosen to make the road near the House of Mr Hollis Chamberlain have attended to that duty and now report; — As they could not make a contract with any individual to their satisfaction, two of your Committee proceeded to make the roads, and they have expended as per Bills rendered Thirty four dollars and Sixteen cents, all which is respectfully submitted. —
Grafton March 22/42 Lovel Baker, Chairman,

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the third Monday of April next. at this place at three O'Clock P.M. —
Attest. — Charles Prentiss, T. Clerk,

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, — — — — — — — — —

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the eighteenth day of April current at Two O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles; To wit; — — — —

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting,

2nd. To see if the Town will sell their Alms-house establishment, and if so, to see what measures the Town will take to sell and convey the same, and in case of a sale to see if the Town will authorize a Committee (or otherwise) to purchase again or act thereon as they may think proper

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the centre of said Town and at the Meeting House in N. E. Village to stand over two Sundays before the time of holding said Meeting, — — — — — — —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid, — — — —

Given under our hand this Ninth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two. —

Benjamin Kingsbury
Noah Kimball
Levi N. Leland
Joseph Kimball
Samuel W. Putnam
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, ss. April 18th. 1842.

I have served the within warrant by Posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant,

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A true Copy.
Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on monday the eighteenth day of April, A.D. 1842. pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had, to wit.

Art. 1st By Ballot chose Joseph Brown, Moderator of said Meeting.

Art. 2nd. The Town voted to choose a committee of five to ascertain and report on this article, —

By vote chose, Oliver M. Brigham
Joseph Brown. —
Lovel Baker, —
Philip Wing, —
Luke Lelande, .
} For said Committee, —

And the Meeting was dissolved, — .

Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, — . —

April 18th. A. D. 1842. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 22nd day of March last, The following further proceedings were had, To wit; — —

The Town took up the second article of the — annual March meeting, and acted thereon, as follows. viz: . — . — . — . — — . —

Art. 2nd. By vote chose Russel Wheelock. Highway Surveyor and Collector of Highway Taxes in place where Seth J. Axtell served the year last past. — who appeared on the same 18th day of April and was Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty By me Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Art. 17th Voted to accept the following Town debts, —

Charles Prentice	aut. for records & Book.	$19 " 07
Charles Thurber	aut. for services School Com.	21 " 50
Noah Kimball	aut. . . .	2 " 37

By vote chose William L. Lesure
" " " John W. Slocomb, — } measurers of wood. —

The Town voted to reconsider the vote passed the 22nd. day of March on the 8th article, and voted to authorize the Selectmen to cause one of the Bells to be rung at 12. M. and at 9. o'clock in the evening. — and the Meeting was dissolved,

Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

"We the subscribers Selectmen of Grafton hereby appoint Charles H. Town to be Pound Keeper for the present year.
Grafton May 26th. 1842.

Benja Kingsbury
North Kimball. } Selectmen of Grafton.

A True Copy
the above named Charles H. Town came forward on the same 26th day of May A.D. 1842. and was Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty. By me Charles Prentice. Town Clerk

Annual Return of the names of all the Persons enrolled in the Militia, in the Town of Grafton for the year 1842. The whole number enrolled being Four hundred and sixty four.

Charles Adams
John H. Meriam
Cyrus N. French
Charles Wayne
William N. Johnson
Bradford Chase
Ebenezer Lincoln
Tebina Lincoln
Rodney Leland
Benj.a W. Fay
Nath.l W. Hall
Jonas Monroe Jr
Hollis Chamberlain
David R Chamberlain
Solomon E Goulding
Adolphus Howe
John C. Bennett
Harvey J. Pratt
Oliver Wheelock
Sam.l Walker
Charles E. Aldrich
Cyrus Dalrimple
Asahel Fairbanks
Austin P. Vial
William H Clark
John V. Leland
Elisha R. Putnam
Nathan B. Harlow
Samuel A Knox
Lewis Whitney
Joseph Willard
Eri Jackson
Uriah Scearles
Curtis Maynard
Lorenzo Plimpton
Charles L. Mitchell
Benj.a C. Grun
Jonathan L. Patch
Dexter B. Hathaway
John Wheler Jr
Warren Brigham
Rud.l S. Davis
Oliver Stone
Rud.l F. Knowlton
George Penock
Henry B. Fairbanks
William F. Barber
John Harrington
John Bridges
Irvin Thompson
Henry A Gifford
Jon.a R Putnam
Jasper W Putnam
Joseph P. Leland
Sidney N. Brown
Charles F. Leland
Oliver Stone
Samuel Gifford
Edwin Morse
Silas Stone
Frederick Allen
Joseph Dolliver
Andrew D. King
Edwin L Merrick
John B. Smith
Albert Benchley
Joshua C. Cutting
Charles L Allen
William Carey
Thomas R Baton
Nathan F. Harrington
William H Jewell
Augustus Baird
Henry Benchley
Edwin Bathrick
John B. Smith
Nathan F. Wheelock
Charles C. Knowlton
Minot Amsden
Thaddeus Gay
Francis E. Wheelock
John Bigelow
Charles Muzzy
Charles H Styles
John Whitney
William Brown
Leonard Brown
Francis Winn

Thomas P. Whitlock —
Caleb Wood —
Dexter D. Ball
Ebenezer F. Burrill
Benj.a Robinson
David M Bathrick
Lewis Griggs
Charles L. Rice —
Jon.a H. Wood —
Samuel A Wheeler
Anson Hancock
George Slocomb
Elphonzo Barrus
Willard Bullows
Orrin G. Goodwin
Charles A. Pierce
Augustus T. Haywood
Salmon D Hall —
Thomjson Kimberly Jr
Leander Stockwell
Martin Bassett
Lovel Stow
Daniel A. Wessons
Samuel A Dalrimple
William E. Stockwell
Lovel Baker Jr. —
Luke F. Allen —
Cyril R. Aldrich
Chas. D. Monroe
Levi L. Lathe
Lorenzo Maynard
Mosis C. Woodbury
Andrew H. White
Harrison Barrow
Walter H. Witherby
Samuel D. Baker
Joseph W. Emerson
Orrin Bliss
Reuben Dodge
John Rice
Lewis Fletcher
Levi Goun
Harrison Eames
Samuel Congdon
Leander L. Pratt
Jason Putnam
Charles H. Towne
George H. Whitney
Barnabas Newton

Daniel G. Prentice
Levi H. Stow
Edward G. Gillman
Charles C. Foster
Charles E. Kimball
Martin Wesson —
Healy Baker
Charles E. L. Wheeler
Thomas J. Griggs
Charles J. Warren
John B. White
Luther Stow
George W Fairbanks
Joseph G. Holden
Adoniram J. Holden
Adolphus S. Ellison
William P. Allen
Frederick F. Elliot
Joseph W Warren
Lewis W Dodge
John Watermans
Abel Maynard
John Davis
Jonas B Brigham
Henry A Ball
Wyman Fay —
H. D. P. Bigelow
Abraham M. Bigelow
Rufus B. Potter —
Augustus Goodno
James A Goodell
Merrill Greenwood
Daniel Wheelock —
Francis Huntoon
George Benson
Elisha Livermore
Hesher Bosworth
Eli Grissell —
Lincoln Woods
Peter F. Wheeler
John Stephens
Elisha W. Hinds
Willard S. Wood
Hanson G. Hinds
Nathaniel C. Chase
Levi C. Heywood
William Holbrook
Nathaniel D. Hardy
Horace Kendall

Charles B. Demmonds
David Jourdans
Frederick Waterman
Josiah N. Hammon
David H. Eames
Henry G. Prentice
Andrew Dodge
Charles E. Keith
Henry R. Keith
Royal A. Keith
Calvin Prentice
Howland Tyler
Jonathan S. Fisk
William A. Fisk
George G. Carpenter
Jefferson Wheelock
William Sibley
Daniel Whitney 2nd
Anson L. Read
Reuben Eames
Joseph King
Shipsdon Sclands
Hendrick Hunt
Harvey Carpenter
Jackson Harrington
Ezra White, 1st
Daniel Sherman
Stephen R White
Elliot Jourdans
Gillman S. Coburn
Leonard Johnson
Lawson Munyan
Nathaniel Smith
George W Thurston
Moses C. Hayden
Charles Forbush
Jotham Taft
Joel Taft
Calvin S. Thurston
Curtis Forbush
Justin Forbush
Hydon Eames
Silas A Forbush
John P. Hayden
George R Bishop
Sumner C. Stow
Jonathan W Stow
Charles S. Stow
Joseph D. Hunt

Simeon D. Fay
Truman Moor
Lorin Davis
Henry Clark
Charles A Smith
River C. Fore Hands
Charles A Chase
John Gleason
Lewis Elliott
Sumner Gleason
Dexter Clark
Augustus D. Clark
Horatio Chase
Nelson Ferry
Jeremiah Sholes
Cyrus Ferry
David W Brown
Joseph W. Bilknapp
Horace P. Brown
Henry A Colburn
Esek Saunders
Gilbert Taft
Hutchins P. Upham
Phineas Gates
Amos D. Johnson
Constant R. Davis
Ivers Sawyer
Ephraim Taft
Jacob Spring
Abraham VanCamp
Hartford P. Dunham
Warren Campbell
Delano Eddy
Nathaniel T. Eddy
Hawkin Eddy
Waterman A Fisher
Job Johnson
Nicholas Johnson
George W Randall
Willard C Clapp
Hiram Sibley
Charles M Davis
Leonard Buxton
Henry Johnson
Thomas Johnson
Abel S. Tillinghast
Erastus Evans
John Derby
Thomas Cady

Benjamin Heywood Jr
Daniel Lake
Willard T. Aldrich
Eli B. Read
Lauson Harding
Charles Daniels
Horace Daniels
Hiram Foster
Flint Howe
Zaathy Parker
John L. Cooper
John G. Phillips
James Coleman
Henry N. Clough
Elijah Stowe
Orlando Russell
Nathaniel P. Whitney
Joshua Spear Jr
Thomas Spear
Elisha M. Smith
Isaac L. Brown
Augustus W. Williams
Rufus Lamb
Horatio Fisk
Luke Cass.
Shephard Cooper
Charles W. Cooper
David Pettyplace
Daniel Whitney
Lorin Dodds.
Erastus Fisher
John Redding
Henry D. Howard.
Peter Farnum
George Amsden
Henry Morse
Barnabas Drury
Claudius B Long
Samuel Houghton
Matthew Walker
William Knowles
William Shurtliff
Ira Evens.
Lucian Walcott
Charles Hazen
Leander Batcheller
Wm B. Volan
Levi Rawson
George Webster

Luke Leland Jr
Moses Sherman 2nd
William H Morton
Daniel D. Emerson
William McLaughlin
Silas Walcutt
Samuel Dispeau
James Greenwood
William A Dispeau
Leander W Grunwood
Stephen Richardson
Benjamin F Grun
Henry A. Grun
Walter Harrington
Elbridge G. Harrington
Martin Harrington
William P. Hastings
Isaac Mason
Jonathan Hodgeney
George L. Hubbard
Daniel L. Cutler
Lewis H. Bigelow
John Putnam Jr
Leonard S. Whelock
Oliver Whelock
Leonard Whelock
Samuel W Oliver
Franklin Bigelow
Curtis L. Allen
Levi M. Harrington
Robert D. Case
Foumay Nelson
J. G. Putnam
Charles Putnam
Jefferson Bellows
Joseph L. Burns
Lazis Richmond
Solomon B. Whelock
Gardner L. Whelock
Nelson Nelson
Charles H. Fay
Edwin Smith
George H. Brown
William Goddard
Orin Davis
Otis N. Pond
Benjamin Lewis
William Carter
William Pierce

John Kelley
Asa F. Smith
Eliot Barber
Charles A. Chase
Jonas Pinkham
Thomas Aldrich
John Gates
Lovis Gates
William P. Mascroft
William D. Mascroft
Charles Marston
Nath F. Skinner
James L. Chase
Moses F. Shepardson
William Cass
Isaac Harrington
Charles J. Fay
Nathan West
Daniel G. Fairbanks
George Smith
Sullivan Sweet
William Thornton
Charles Prentice 2nd
Samuel G. Goddard
Erastus Wheeler
William C. Richards
William Rice
J. W. Sargent
Isaac S. Harrington
Silas Sprague
John C. Rice
John Caflin
William G. Gates
Joseph Kay
William H. H. Conner
Horatio G. Conner
Jeremiah Upham
Albert Cobb
Alson Cobb
William H. Thompson
Nathaniel West
Samuel C. Flagg
George W. Hastings
George Martin
James L. Martin
James Swan
William Sampson
George W. Smith
Benjamin F. Wheeler

Daniel Byron
Owen Smith
Josiah Norcross
Daniel Witherell
Dexter B. Wingate
William Boydon
David Chase
Damon Turner
Jacob J. Harding
Nathaniel G. Whitney
Jackson J. Goodrich
Martin Hood
Andrew D. King
Charles Thurber
Ethan Allen
Daniel Jones
Cyrus Cross
Abner P. Carpenter
Asa Ross
Warren S. Gay
Amariah Holbrook
Amos Bates
John R. Willman
Benja. Northrup
Edward Smith
Robert W. Flagg
Lewis Pond
William Southwick
Charles Drake
Martin Howe
Lewis E. Randall
Noah Fletcher
Charles Dunsmore

C. M. Pratt } assessors
Sam'l Harrington } of Grafton

A copy of the above and foregoing list received July 26. 1842

Attest
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

The annual report of the selectmen on the maintainance of of Guide posts in the Town of Grafton, —

The undersigned Selectmen of the town of Grafton ask leave to submit the following report of all the places in which guide posts, are erected and maintained within the Town and of all the places at which in the opinion of the Selectmen they ought to be erected and maintained as follows, — At the angle or corner of roads on the common near the house of Calvin W. Forbush, at corner of roads on common near the house of Jon.a Wheeler Esqr. — at the corner of the Worcester and Millbury roads near the house of Samuel Allen Esqr — at the forks of Millbury and Sutton roads near the house of Robert Prentice, — at the corner of Sutton and Uxbridge roads a little to the south of Robert Prentice's house — at the at the corner near the house of Joseph Bruce, at the corner near the house of Jonathan Sibley, — at the corner near the house of the late Thadeus Read deceased, at the corner between the house last Mentioned and the house of Reuben Eames, at the corner between the house of Joseph Bruce & Henry D. Howard, at the corner near the Indian burying ground, at the corner near the Meeting house in Farnumville, — at the corner near the house of David Farnum, at each of the corners, of the roads between the Cotton Mill in Farnumville and the house of Austin Holbrook, at the corner near the house of Esek Saunders, at the corner near the house of Jason Putnam, — — — — at each of the corners between the burial ground and the house of Samuel Dispeau, at the corner near the Tavern house in N. E. Village, at the corner of the Providence and Westborough roads a little to the west of the last Mentioned place, at the corner near the house of the late Asa Waters, — at each of the corners near the house of Jon.a R. Putnam, at the corner near the house of Tarrant Merriam, at the corner near the house of Daniel Cutler, at the corner — near the house of Solomon E. Goulding, at the corner near the house of Asahel Fairbanks, at fork of roads near the hay scales in N. E. Village, — — — —

All of which is respectfully Submitted, —

Benjamin Kingsbury
Levi N. Leland —
Joseph Kimball —
Noah Kimball —
Samuel W. Putnam.

} Selectmen of Grafton

Accepted April 18. 1842 —
a true copy —
Attest.
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

To Charles Prentice Clerk of the Town of Grafton.
This is to certify that all the lands of the several non residents owners whose names are hereunto annexed that are assessed in said Grafton shall be considered as belonging to School District number one.

Nash. P. Denney of Leicester
William Rodgers of Paxton
John Starkweather of Upton
Benjamin Watson of Coventry, R. I.

Grafton June 14th 1842.

Lewis Holbrook } assessors of
Sam'l Harrington } Grafton,

A True copy
attest.
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

We the subscribers Selectmen of Sutton and Grafton met pursuant to notice given by the Select men of Sutton, being the most ancient town to perambulate the line and remove the monuments so as to make the line conform to an act. passed March 3. 1842. annexing a part of Sutton to Grafton, having attended to that duty beg leave to report. begining at the northeast corner of Northbridge thence South 82.° West 212½ r. to a monument near the N. E. corner of School House No. 10. in Sutton, thence N. 4.° 9.' W. to a Stone Monument in the wall on the Grafton line 287½ rods.

Sutton October 15. 1842.

Benj.a Kingsbury } Selectmen
Noah Kimball } of
Joseph Kimball } Grafton

Amos Burdon } Selectmen of
Sullivan Newton } Sutton.

A True Copy
Attest.
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss,

L.S. L.S. L.S. L.S. L.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, — Greeting, —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: you are required to Notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections, to Meet at the Town Hall, in Grafton on Monday the fourteenth day of November next it being the second Monday of said Month, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing all upon one Ballot, Also to give in their Votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States of America for the fifth District, — also to choose a Representative to represent the Town in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next, — Polls to be opened for the reception of Votes for the above named Officers at ten o'clock A.M. —

And you are directed to Notify the inhabitants aforesaid to Meet at the same place at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day to act on the following articles to wit: —

1st. To choose a Moderator. —
2nd. To hear the report of any out standing Committee, —
3rd. To accept Town debts, — . — . —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up Attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the center of said Town and in the New England village two Sundays at least before the time of holding said meeting. —

Hereof fail not and Make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. —

Given under our hands and seals this 29th day of Oct in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty Two. —

Benjamin Kingsbury
Noah Kimball
Levi N. Leland
Joseph Kimball
Saml. W. Putnam
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester, ss,
November 7th 1842.

I have served the within Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said Town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant, —

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton, —

A True Copy.
Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. qualified to vote in Elections, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on the fourteenth day of November being the second Monday of said Month A. D. 1842. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor and for five Senators all on one Ballot, also to give in their votes for a Representative in the United States Congress, and a Representative in our General Court, the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof Made, as by the Constitution is directed.—
The whole number of Ballots given in for Governor and Lieutenant Governor was. — — — — —
Five Hundred and twenty one, viz: — . . . . .

For Governor } John Davis, Two hundred fifty four votes. —
} Marcus Morton, Two hundred twenty six votes. —
} Samuel E. Sewall, Forty one votes, — . — . —

For Lieut. Governor } George Hull, Two hundred fifty four votes. —
} Henry H. Childs, Two hundred twenty four votes, —
} William Jackson, Forty two votes, . — . —

The whole number of Ballots given in for Senators was Five hundred and twenty. and were for the following persons, viz: — . . . . . .

Solomon Strong, Two hundred fifty five votes. —
Alexander De Witt, Two hundred fifty five votes. —
James Allen, Two hundred fifty five votes. —
John Wright, Two hundred fifty five votes. —
Dan Hill, Two hundred fifty five votes. —
John Spurr, Two hundred twenty four votes. —
Isaac Davis Two hundred twenty two votes. —
Benjamin Estabrook Two hundred twenty four votes, —
Nathaniel Wood Two hundred twenty four votes. —
Azial Bragg. Two hundred twenty four votes. —
Charles Humphreys, Forty one votes,
J. R. Barbour, — Forty one votes,
Phinehas Bemis. — Forty one votes. —
Enoch Whitmore. — Forty one votes, —
Edward B. Bigelow — Forty one votes, —

The whole number of Ballots given in for a Representative in the Congress of the united States, was five hundred and twenty. and were for the following persons. viz: —

Charles Hudson, Two hundred sixty votes. —
Pliny Merrick, Two hundred fifteen votes, —
Phinehas Crandall Forty five votes. — . —

The whole number of Ballots given in for a Representative of the Town of Grafton in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. was. — Five hundred and nine.

Otis Converse, had Two hundred seventy nine votes, and is Chosen, —
Charles B. Jenks, had One hundred eighty eight votes, —
Samuel H. Redding, had thirty seven votes, —
Lewis Holbrook. — had one vote —
Pliny Merrick. — had one vote —
Joshua Leland. — had one vote —
Otis Adams, — had one vote —
Charles Aldrich, — had one vote, —

Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —.

At a Town meting held on the same day pursuant to warning the following proundings were had, viz; —

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Benjamin Kingsbury, Moderator, —
Art. 2nd. voted to pass over this article, —
Art. 3rd. voted to allow the following amounts. —

Samuel Harrington's amount for Making Taxes &.	$33.13
Lewis Holbrook amount for Making Taxes. —	20.00

And the meting was dissolved. —

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —.

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables, of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth, of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify & warn the inhabitants of the Tolon of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the Thirteenth day of February next, at Twelve o'clock at noon, to act on the following articles, to wit: —

1st. To bring in their votes to the Selectmen, for a Representative in the Congress of the United States, for Congressional District No. Five. —
Polls will open for the reception of Ballots at one O. Clock P. M., —

2nd To choose a Moderator, —

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3rd. To see what compensation if any the Town will make Edward M. Dudley of Sutton, for damage done to his Horse and Carriage by upsetting near the House of Col. Joshua W. Leland in July last, said Dudley alleging that the road was unsafe, and the Town thereby liable. —

4th To hear the report of any outstanding Committees or act thereon. —

5th To accept Town debts, —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the centre of said Town, and also at New England Village, Two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting. —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of holding said meeting as aforesaid, —

Given under our hands and seals this Twenty-eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and forty three. —

Benjamin Kingsbury
Noah Kimball
Levi N. Leland
} Select Men of Grafton,

Worcester, ss. Grafton February 6th 1843.

I have served the within warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Town of Grafton, pursuant to the directions in said warrant, —

Charles Prentice. Constable, of Grafton, —

A True Copy.
Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections, and in town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on the thirteenth day of February, being the second Monday of said Month A. D. 1843. Pursuant to warning, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for District Number Five, And also to act on Town Business, ——

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the revised Statutes, (chap. 4. Sec. 13.) by counting the number of separate ballots given in, and the the whole number of Ballots was Three Hundred and twenty eight, ——

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by Law is directed, and were for the following persons, ——

Art. 1st Charles Hudson, had one hundred eighty three votes,

Pliny Merrick, had one hundred fifteen votes,

Phinehas Crandall, had Thirty votes, ——

And the meeting was dissolved, ——

Attest

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a Town meeting held on the same day pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had, viz: ——

Art. 2. By Ballot, chose Otis Adams, moderator, ——

Art. 3. The Town voted to Choose a Committee of three to enquire and ascertain the facts of this article and make their report at the next meeting, ——.

By vote chose Samuel Allen, Philip Wing, Luke Leland } For said Committee

Art 4th no report made on this article

Art. 5th. Voted to accept. Samuel F. Redding, act of $2.00 for making and Painting two guide boards. ——

And the meeting was dissolved

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester. — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on monday the sixth day of March next at 9. o'clock A.M. - To act on the following articles; viz: —

1st. To choose a moderator, —

2nd. To bring in their votes for a county Treasurer, —

3rd. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. —

4th. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon, —

5th. To see what sums of money the Town will raise to defray the necessary expenses of the Town for the current year, and appropriate the same, —

6th. To determine the manner of repairing the roads and Bridges within the Town, the ensuing year. —

7th. To hear and act upon the reports of any outstanding Committees, or other Officers of the Town, —

8th. To see if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12. o'clock noon, and nine o'clock P.M. —

9th. To see if the Town will continue to defray the same charges for burials, as they have done for the year past. —

10th. To see if the Treasurer shall be collector of Taxes the ensuing year, and if so, to determine his compensation, and the abatements to be made on taxes paid in 30. 60. and 120. days from the time the Tax Bill shall be committed to the collector. —

11th. To see if the Town will fix the time within which all Taxes shall be paide, and determine the measures to be taken with those who neglect to pay within that time, —

12th. To see if the Town will authorise their Prudential Committees of the several school Districts to hire their teachers the ensuing year. —

13th. To see what measures the Town will take in relation to the necessary repairs upon the buildings on the Town farm, —

14th. To see if the Town will partition off a room in the Town Hall and suitably furnish it for the accomodation of the Selectmen, Assessors, and other Town officers, in which to transact the business of the Town, — . — .

15th. To see if the town will cause more uniformity in the erection of Monuments, on the new burial grounds, also to see if they will cause the leaning monuments in the old burial grounds to be righted up. — and new set so much of the wall enclosing said burial grounds as shall be necessary, — . —

16th. To see what compensation (if any) the Town will grant, to Joseph H. Whitney for building a stone Bridge near the Shop of Green & Endowtton, or act thereon, —.

17th. To accept Town Debts, — . — . — . —

18th. To see if the town will adopt any measures, for the disposale of the Town farm, or act thereon, —

The Polls will be open for the reception of votes at 10. O' clock A. M, — . — . —.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in the Centre of said Town, and at the Meeting-house, in New England village, to stand over two sundays at least, before the time of holding said Meeting, Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. — Given under our hands and seals this twenti-eth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three. —

Benjamin Kingsbury.
Noah Kimball,
Levi N. Leland
Samuel W. Putnam,
Joseph Kimball.
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester. ss. Grafton March 6th 1843.
I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Town of Grafton. Pursuant To the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton, —.

A True Copy.
Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —.

At the annual meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the sixth day of March A.D. 1843. pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had, to wit: — . — . —

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Joseph Bruce Moderator, —

Art. 2nd. Anthony Chase had two hundred twenty four votes. for County Treasurer. —

Art. 3rd. By Ballot chose, Noah Kimball, } Select-
" " Lawson Munyan, } -Men
" " Lewis Holbrook, } of
" " Samuel Houghton, } Grafton,
" " Willard S. Woods, } March 6. 1843 all were Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their duty by Joseph Bruce, Just. Peace.

By Ballot chose, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, Sworn.

" " " Jonathan Warren. Town Treasurer. } who appeared and was Sworn March 23. 1843. — .

" " " Philip Wing. } Sworn March 20. 1843
Joseph Batchelder, } Assessors for the ensuing Year.
Oliver M. Brigham } Sworn march 20. 1843.

voted to take up the fourth article in the warrant and act thereon. —

Art. 4th. — voted to accept the annual report of the Select-men which is in the words and figures following;

Report of the Select-men of the Town of Grafton, for the year ending March 4th 1843. shewing the Standing of the Town. — .

Cost of the Town farm. — . . .	$3000.00
amount of Stock farming tools hay, grain, household furniture &c. now on hands — . — .	839.61
Interest on the farm at 5 pr. ct. . — . . .	150.00
Salary of the agent	300.00
paid Sundry Bills in cash & produce . . .	246.56
	$. 696.56

Resources of the Farm,

Received in cash & goods sold from the farm by the agent	$211.55
Bills due the Town,	5.97
sold from the farm, a quantity of plank,	3.50
Received from the State for support of Cornelius Johnson.	25.55
	$.246.57

whole amount of expenses for boarding & clothing the Paupers upon the Town farm, including Physicians Bills, 474.99

whole number of weeks 355. average number nearly 7.
whole number of persons assisted during the year 10.
Average cost per week for board, is $1.21
Average cost including clothing and Physicians Bill. is $1.33

Amount of money paid for the support of paupers off the farm.

William Boyden and family,	24.55
Mrs. Lydia Howe and family,	34.89
Paid Town of Hopkinton on acounts William Abbot. balance.	18.76
Charles H. Stone and family,	60.73
Albert Smith	12.00
Leander Plymptons,	35.11
Silas Fay,	89.37
	$.275.41

Paid on acount of State Paupers

Wm. Lockwoods.	28.00
Elizabeth Graffam	54.46
Ellen Barrett.	14.60
Lucy Hecktor & John Hecktor & family	16.41
	$.113.47
	275.41
	$.388.88

Amount. refunded by the Town of Pelham on acounts of Wm. Boyden & family.	20.95
Town of Holden on acct. of Mrs Howe & family	27.14
amt. due from Town of Shrewsbury.	35.11
Amt. rec'd. of State Treas. for State Paupers	36.94
Whole amount of cost of Paupers off the farm above recipt.	$.120.14 / $.268.74

Report concerning the whole expenses of the Town for the year Ending March 4th. 1843.

Paid for the support of Schools. $1500.00

Paid abatement on Taxes. — $37.84
" Engine men. — 45.24
" Interest on Towns note to the Provident Institution of savings at Boston, — 111.90
Out Standing Orders, —
Selectmens order to H. P. Brown. — 84.40
Same to Healy Baker. — 53.33
Paid Select mens orders, — 1417.99
Whole amount paid from the Treasury during the year, is $3250.70

Resources of the Town.

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer March 1st 1842.	$1242.23
Cash received interest on Nathan Hancocks note	50.25
Cash rec'd. one years interest on School note.	60.00
Cash rec'd. six months Int. on R. W. Flagg's note	30.00
Cash rec'd. in full for interest on Austin Holbrooks note	53.16
Cash rec'd. of State Treasurer on act. of State paupers	36.94
Cash rec'd. of State Treasurer on account of School funds	94.74
Cash rec'd. six mos. Interest on Robert W. Flagg's	30.00
Cash rec'd. six mos. Interest on Robert W. Flaggs note.	30.00
Town Grant.	$3200.00
Overlayings on Taxes.	158.94
	$4986.26
Deduct amt. drawn from the Treasury	3250.70
Balance in hands of Treasurer.	$1735.56

Amount of notes due the Town bearing Interest.

Emory Singletary's note, set apart as a school fund,	$1000.00
Robert W. Flagg's Note	1000.00
	$2000.00

all of which is respectfully submitted. —

Benjamin Kingsbury
Noah Kimball,
Levi N. Leland
Sam'l W. Putnam
Joseph Kimball,
} Selectmen of Grafton,

A True Copy.
Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —.

voted to take up the seventh article in the warrant, and act thereon,

Art. 7th. Voted to accept the report of the committee appointed the last Town meeting to ascertain and report the facts in the case of Mr. Dudley of Sutton who claims damages, by accident, which happened to his horse and carriage near the House of Col. Joshua to. Leland, which is in the words following: ——— . ——— . ——— . ———

The Committee appointed at the last town meeting to ascertain and report the facts &c. in the case of Mr. Dudley who claims damages for injuries sustained by him by reason of an accident which happened to his horse & carriage on the 26th day of June last past near the house of Col Joshua Leland, submit the following Report. ——— . ——— ———

On the 22d. day of February last, your Committee met Mr. Dudley at the house of Col. Leland for the purpose of hearing his testimony and ascertaining all the facts & circumstances of the case. ———

It appeared that on the 26th day of June last, which was Sunday, Messrs. Hill & Higgins had borrowed the horse & Chais of Mr. Dudley for the purpose of bringing them to Grafton, that when they arrived (which was about half past four in the afternoon) within four or five rods of the Stone Bridge, which covers the trench, that conveys the water, from the river, across the road, on to the Mowing of Col. Leland, near his Barn — the horse took fright at something, and in spite of the efforts of Mr. Hill the driver to control him, he turned out of the road, to the left, and ran furiously towards the trench, but before he arrived at it, he turned the Chaise over & while attached to it jumped over the trench, in doing which the horse tore the skin from off one or both his fore legs and made himself lame, — the Chaise was considerably damaged by tearing the top, bending the irons &c. while Messrs Hill & Higgens were thrown out of the Chaise into the trench and badly bruised and otherwise injured, ———

For the injuries thus done to the horse and Chaise Mr. Dudley claims the sum of fifty dollars which is much less he says than the actual damage, Messrs Hills & Higgins make no claims for damages on account of injuries received by them being well satisfied and very thankfull to have escaped without loss of limb or Life, ———

Whatever damages Mr. Dudley may have sustained by the accident aforesaid, the Town of Grafton are in no way responsible for them, unless, they were caused by some defect in the highway, — it is therefore perfectly immaterial, so far as it concerns the liability of the Town in this case, whether any defect existed in the highway or not unless it was the ———

actual cause of the damage complained of in the roads. if no defect in the highway did exist it is evident there could be no good claim on the Town for the damage, and the same may be said if a defect did exist which did not cause the damage — With regard to the existance of a defect in the Highway, the Committee deem it their duty however to state the facts, — for although it may have no bearing upon the question, whether the town is liable for damages in this particular case or not, It may be important if a defect in the way does exist that the Town should know it and repair it. —

The Stone Bridge near which the accident happened is about 36 feet in length and crosses the road not at right angles, but in an oblique direction, from S.W. to N.E. — so that the traveled part of the road at this point directly across it, is little more than 20 feet wide, the trench which conveys the water under the Bridge, is about four or five feet deep. — The bridge at the east end of it is a little higher than the trench and there is no fence or railing to prevent the traveller from riding or stepping off into the trench — The Committee consider this a defect, for which, the town, in case of accidental damage caused by it, — might be made liable — At the other end of this bridge at the time of the accident which caused the damage, there were some 5 or 6 plank placed in the trench by Col. Sleands to prevent the water from running into the road and washing it away. —

These plank stands up 4 or 5 feet above the surface of the roads, and it is thought by Mr. Hill who drove the horse & carriage that the horse took fright at these plank — because when he got within four or five rods of them the horse started and run — at first he ran in the direction towards the plank — but he finally turned off in a westerly direction and ran across the trench into the lot — The place where the accident happened is nearly a rod and perhaps quite, out of and beyond the limits of the highway — and somewhere between two and three rods from the traveled part of it, — —

Hence it appears that no immediate damage was done to the horse and carriage of Mr. Dudley by any defect or any thing else in the highway — the damage is alledged, to have been caused, by the horse being — frightened, either by the plank or the color of them which at that time appeared to be white or new — and is therefore, merely consequential — whether the horse was frightened by the plank or the color of the plank the Committee could not satisfactorily determine, especially as Mr. Hill was unwilling to testify that such was the fact. — Although he said he thought it was. —

Whether such was the fact or not, from the best evidence that could be obtained, it appeared that the horse was more easily frightened than managed, — that he is not now considered a suitable and safe animal to be kept for use in a livery stable. — that the plank had been in the same place the greater part of the time for two years before the accident happened, and that this horse is the only one that ever caused any damage or serious difficulty at or near the plank, — These plank situated as they were, served if any thing, rather to keep the traveller in the road, and from getting into the trench, — They could not be considered a defect in the highway because they were in no respect in the traveled part of it, which at this place, is at least 20 feet wide, — . They undoubtedly, served a valuable purpose, where they were, by preventing the water, when high, from washing away the road, — It appears that the trench was made in the time of the Revolutionary war, by the Father of Col. Leland, and must therefore so far as it respects this case be considered as the channel of a natural Stream or Brook,

If it could be made to appear, of which the committee have considerable doubts, That the horse was actually frightened by the plank, or the color of the plank, the only question to be determined is, — whether the Town of Grafton is liable for the damage which accrued. —

This is a question to be decided by the voters of the Town upon the facts already submitted, — All that the Town can expect of the committee is the expression of an opinion whether in this case it is liable for the damages claimed or not. — It is merely therefore to avoid falling short of the expectations of the town that, the Committee, venture an opinion, — which is that the town is in no manner liable for the damages claimed by Mr. Dudley, —

They have come to this conclusion from the facts that the accident did not happen within the limits of the road, nor through any defect in the highway, for which the Town is liable, —

Samuel Allen
Philip Wing
Luke Leland.

A True Copy. —

Attest. Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk,

Art. 7th. Voted to accept the report of the Committee on Bridges and Sluices, which is in the words and figures following, viz:—

The Committee chosen by the Town to build if necessary, and make all necessary repairs on all the bridges in Town that have sluice eight feet wide and upwards.—

Report.

They have expended for building and repairing the past year as follows,—

For building a new bridge near Allen & Thurbers pistol factory by contract with Joseph H. Whitney, sluice 9 feet wide, covered with flatt stones, wall on each side for railing for the sum of. — $50.00

For flat stones to cover a bridge near Sam^{l}. Diskeau's by contract with John Newton, said stones to cover fourteen by twenty feet, — 20.00

For building butment widning & repairing Bridge over George brook as by contract with J. W. Stow, — 13.50

For building bridge near L. Diskeau's and the repairs on all other bridges for materials, and for labour by the day as follows,

Jonas B. Brigham's	bill	23.00
Jefferson Whitlock's	bill	4.00
Samuel Prentiss	bill	2.00
Silas Walcutt's	bill	6.34
Perley Goddard's	bill	1.50
Levi Green's	bill	2.50
Philip Wing's	bill	27.50
		$150.34

Dec. 24th. 1842. Rec^{d} Town order for — $134.00
March 1. 1843. Rec^{d} an order for — 13.50 $147.50

Balance due. — $2.84

Respectfully submitted
Grafton March 6th 1843.

Philip Wing
James H. Cheney
Perley Goddard
Jonas B. Brigham } Committee.—

And this Meting was—
Adjourned to Monday 13th Inst. at 1. o'clock P.M.—

Attest.— Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk,

March 13th. 1843. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the Sixth instant, the following further proceedings were were had, to. wit:—. —

after reading the record of the proceedings of the last Meting took up the seventh article no report of any committee being offered, voted to lay the article on the table, —.—

Took up the third article and acted thereon. . —. —

Art. 3rd. voted to have a committee of three for their General School Committee the ensuing year, —. — . — . — . —

By Ballot Chose Rev.d Carneau Palfrey
" Thomas B. Biscoe.
" Calvin Newton, } said Committee

voted to have three Constables for the year ensuing.

By Ballot Chose, Charles Prentice. } Sworn. —
John B. White. } Constables. Sworn March 16. 1843. By Charles Prentice. J. Clerk
Leonard S. Wheelock } Sworn August 12. 1843—

Motion was made to add two More to the General School Committee, and the vote passed in the Negative, —.—

Amount of the proposition of Joseph Adams, to the Town, viz:

That he will obligate himself, to repair all the roads and Bridges with Sluices ten feet across and under, within the town, and do the work ten per cent better than it has been done the last year, or the three last years, Also build a new Stone Bridge twenty feet wide across the river— where the Wheeler bridge so called now stands, and a Stone bridge across the Brook at Hitville so called near the House of Enoch Forbush, all for the sum of one thousand dollars, the work to be done in due season as the law directs, and should there be reason of dissatisfaction, or complaint, or any damage happen through neglect or defect caused by him, he agrees to submit it to the decision of a juror of twelve Men, drawn from the jury box of said town, and abide their decision which shall be final, —.—.—.

after this proposition was made, the Town voted to take up the Sixth article and act thereon, —

Art. 6t voted to accept the proposition of Mr. Adams, as above Stated in case the town cannot let it for less,— and voted to choose Highway Surveyors. — —

Art. 3rd.

By vote Chose Joseph Bruce
David Jourdan
Silas Forbush
Benjamin W. Gay
Otis Adams.—
Leonard Wheelock, } High-way Surveyors, Sworn April 11. 1843. —.—. Sworn June 15. 1843.—

Esek Saunders
Oliver M. Brigham
Jonathan W. Stow
Sworn Mar. 22. 1843 Jason Morse — } Highway Surveyors, —
Mowry Farnum.
Salmon Hathaway.
Cromwell Latte. — } Sworn March 21. 1843.

Voted to constitute the Highway surveyors a Committee — to let out the roads and bridges on the best terms they can if for less than offered by Joseph Adams. — ...

Voted to have three fence viewers the present year.

By vote chose Daniel Wheelock
Perley Goddard } Sworn March 17. 1843. — Fence viewers for the ensuing year
H. P. B. Bigelow.

Voted to have three sealers of Leather the ensuing year —

By vote chose Rufus E. Warren
Jonathan Warren } sealers of Leather
Silas Warren

Voted to have three surveyors of Lumber the ensuing year.

By vote chose James H. Cheney
Sworn Mar. 20. 1843. Philip Wing } surveyors of Lumber.
Charles B. Jenks.

Voted the Select men appoint the Measurers of wood. The Select men hereby appoint the following persons to be Surveyors of wood the ensuing year, — — — — — —

Rufus E. Warren. — Declines Serving
Winthrop Faulkner. Declines Serving
Augustus S. Haywood. Sworn March 22. 1843.
Jas. H. Cheney. — Declines Serving
Samuel F. Redding —
Isaac S. Harrington. Sworn March 20. 1843.
J. W. Sargent Sworn April 3. 1843.
W. L. Lewis. — Sworn Mar. 22. 1843. also. Levi N. Leland. —
John P. Hayden.
Isaac S. Brown.
Gilbert C. Taft.
Waterman A. Fisher
Samuel Houghton
Otis Adams. —

Grafton Mar. 13. 1843.

Noah Kimball
S. Munyan } Select men of Grafton
Willard S. Wood
Samuel Houghton

A. Copy.
Attest. Charles Prentice T. Clerk.

Art. 3rd. voted to have three field drivers for the ensuing year, —

By vote chose. Thompson Kimberly jr. } Sworn March 27th 1843. —
Daniel Wheelock. — } Sworn March 17. 1843.
Sworn may 26. 1843. Obediah Redding } Field Drivers, —

voted to choose three more field drivers, —

By vote chose Benjamin Aldrich } Sworn March 23. 1843. —
Sworn Mar. 23. 1843 Martin Fassett — } Field Drivers. —
Chandler M. Pratt. —

By vote chose Elijah L. Case. Pound Keeper.

By vote chose Nathan Hancock. sealer of weight and measures. who appeared and was sworn April 1. 1843. By C. Burtis. T. Clerk

voted to choose a committee of three persons to audit accounts,

By vote chose — Joseph Bruce } For said Committee
Jonathan Warren } on accounts. — — —
Philip Wing }

voted to have ten five wards the ensuing year, — — —

By vote chose John W. Slocomb } accepts the Office April 3. 1843. —
" " Charles Goddard } accepts the Office March 20. 1843.
" " Asa H. Smith —
" " Jefferson Bellows.
" " Reubin P. Leland. } Declines accepting March 20. 1843.
" " Esek Saunders. —
" " James H. Cheney } accepts April 3. 1843. —
" " Isaac L. Brown } Five wards.
" " Waterman A. Fisher } accepts April 3. 1843. —
" " Henry Keith } accepts March 20. 1843. —

voted to add five more five wards.

" " Joseph Batchelder } accepts April 3. 1843. —
Farrant Meriam } accepts April 3. 1843. — —
C. M. Pratt
Lovell Baker jr. } accepts March 21. 1843. —
Calvin W. Forbush. } accepts the Office March 18. 1843.

Art. 8th voted that the Selectmen cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12. o'clock noon and 9. o'clock P. M. — —

Art. 9 voted to defray the same charges for burials the ensuing they have done the past year, — — — — —

Art. 10th voted to put up the collection of Taxes to the lowest bidder, and it was struck off to Sumner Dunsmore at seven eighths. (7/8.) per cent, — — who appeared and was Sworn July 18th 1843. By Charles Burtis T. Clerk
voted to lay this article on the Table, — —

By Ballot Chose Summer Dunsmore Collector of taxes the ensuing year.

Art. 5th. voted to raise the sum of thirty three hundred Dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the Town the ensuing year.—
voted the same sum be appropriated for schooling the present year as was the last, viz: ($1500.) with what comes from the commonwealth and the interest of the school note, and divided for winter and summer schools in the same way, two thirds for winter and one third for summer schools. — . ——— . —

Art. 11th. voted that all Poll taxes shall be collected in sixty days after the Tax bill is delivered in to the hands of the Collector, and the remainder of all taxes be collected by the first day of January next, and those who neglect to pay within that time, that they be collected according to Law. — . — . —

Art. 12th. voted the Prudential school Committees of the several school Districts, hire their Teachers the ensuing year.

Art. 13th. voted to pass over this article. — . — . —

Art. 14. voted to partition off a room for the accomodation of Town Officers, as mentioned in this article, and voted to choose a committee of three to carry it into effect.—
By vote chose.— Philip Wing, Oliver M. Brigham, Lovell Baker } Committee.—

Art. 15th voted to authorise the sexton to plain the monuments in the new burial ground to range in uniform with the lines of the lots, —
voted the monuments in the old burial ground be righted up, — and cause the wall to be so far new set as is necessary, — and set up posts and railing to hitch horses at. — . — . — .—
voted to choose a committee of three to carry this article into effect.—
By vote chose.— Samuel Hall, Philip Wing, and Oliver M Brigham } for said Committee.

Art. 17th. voted to accept the following Town Debts. — —
Noah Kimball account . . . $6.67
Chandler M. Pratt " . . . 16.87
Lewis Griggs — " . . . 1.50

Art. 17th. accepted William Rice, Asst. 76
Charles Brigham Junr " 1.25
Willard S. Wood " 2.00
Benjamin Kingsbury " 4.75
Nathan Hancock " 80
Samuel Hall " 88.00
Total. — $122.60

Art. 18th voted to authorise the committee formerly chosen, to sell or dispose of the Town farm according to their best skill and judgment. — and
voted add two more to this committee. —
By vote chose Esek Saunders, and
Benjamin W. Fay. —

voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday April 3rd at four O'clock in the afternoon. —
Attest.
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —.

15. To Mr. John B. White
Constable of the Town of Grafton, —
Greeting. —

The following is a list of those Persons who were this day chosen into office, at a meeting of the inhabitants of said town, and of whom an oath is by law required; viz: —

Charles Prentice, John B. White, and Leonard S. Wheelock, Constables,

Joseph Bruce, David Jourdan, Silas Forbush, Benjamin W. Fay, Otis Adams, Leonard Wheelock, Esek Saunders, — Oliver M. Brigham, Jonathan W. Stow, Jason Morse, Mowry Farnum, Salmon Hathaway and Cromwell Lathe, Highway surveyors for the ensuing year, — . —

Daniel Wheelock, Perly Goddard, and H. L. P. Bigelow fence viewers,

Rufus E. Warren, Jonathan Warren and Silas Warren Sealers of Leather for the ensuing year, — . —

James H. Cheney, Philip Wing and Charles B. Jenks, — Surveyors of Lumber the ensuing yeard, — .

Appointed by the select-men. — Rufus E. Warren, Winthrop Faulkner, Augustus S. Haywood, James H. Cheney, Samuel F. Redding, Isaac S. Harrington, J. W. Sargent, W. L. Lewis, — Levi N. Leland, John P. Hayden, Isaac L. Brown, Gilbert C. Taft, Waterman A. Fisher, Samuel Houghton, and Otis Adams, — Measurers of wood the ensuing year,

(over)

Thompson Kimberly jr. Daniel Whitlock, and Obediah Redding, Field Drivers, for the year ensuing, —

Elijah L. Case, Pound Keeper, the ensuing year, —

Nathan Hancock, Sealer of weights and measures, —

John W. Slocomb, Charles Goddard, A. F. Smith Jefferson Bellows, Reuben P. Leland, Esek Saunders, James K. Cheney Isaac L. Brown, Waterman A. Fisher Henry R. Fitch, Joseph Batchelder, Jarrant Meriam, Chandler M. Pratt, Lovell Baker jr. and Calvin W. Forbush. Fire wards, —

The notice you are required to give to the above fire wards is this, that they enter with the Town Clerk within three days of such notice given, their acceptance or refusal of said office. Revised Statutes Chap. 18. Sec. 2.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, within three days from the date hereof, to notify and Summon each of the said Persons to appear before me within seven days from the time you shall give such notice, to take the Oath by Law prescribed to the Office unto which they are respectively Chosen.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, within ten days from the date hereof.

Given under my hand and seal, this sixteenth day of March eighteen hundred and forty three,

Charles Prentice, Clerk of the Town of Grafton,

I hereby certify that I have notified and summoned all of the within named persons to appear and take their oath as Law requires,

Grafton March 25th 1843.

John B. White, Constable,

A Copy. Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester,

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall on monday the third day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative in the Congress of the United States of America, for the Congressional District number five, — Polls to be opened at one o'clock, P. M. —

And you are directed to notify the inhabitants above named to meet on said day and and at the place above named at four o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles; viz.: —

1st. To choose a moderator for said meeting. —

2nd. To see what measures the Town will adopt in relation to damage sustained by Timothy Fessenden by upsetting his load of Chairs in consequence as he alleges of a defect in the highways near Farrars upper village. —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public meeting-houses in the center of the Town, and in the New England village two Sundays at least before the time of holding said meeting. —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. —

Given under our hands and seals this thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three. —

Noah Kimball,
Lawson Munyan,
Lewis Holbrook,
Samuel Houghton,
Willard S. Woods,
} Select-men of Grafton

Worcester, ss.

Grafton April 3rd. 1843.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at each of the Public meeting-houses in the Town of Grafton, pursuant to the directions in said warrant. —

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton.

A True Copy.
Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk. —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Meetings, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on the third day of April, being the first monday of said Month A.D. 1843. pursuant to Warning, for the purpose of giving in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States of America for District number five. — Also to act on Town business. —

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (Chap. 4. Sec. 13.) by counting the number of seperate Ballots given in, and the whole number of Ballots was. — — —

Three hundred and three.

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by Law is directed, and were for the following persons. —

Charles Hudson, one hundred seventy three votes,

David Henshaw. Ninety six votes,

Phinehas Crandall, Thirty four votes,

The Inhabitants aforesaid, at the place aforesaid at four o'clock P.M. of said day proceeded as follows, viz: —

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Joseph Brown Moderator, — . —

Art. 2nd. voted to Choose a Committee of three persons to enquire into the facts of the case in this article

By vote chose Samuel Allen, Lovell Baker, Austin Holbrook } said Committee, —

voted to adjourn this Meeting for ten minutes.

The Committee Chosen on this article are not able to make a report, and wished to have till the next Town Meeting, to make their report, which was granted,

And the Meeting was dissolved. —

Attest,

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. —

April 3rd. 1843. at four o'clock P.M. the Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the thirteenth day of March last, the following proceedings were had, viz:—

voted to take up the seventh article and act thereon,

Art. 7th voted to accept the report of the General School Committee,

voted to take up the sixth article and act thereon.

Art. 6th. on a motion being made to reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting, to accept the mode of repairing the roads and Bridges with Sluces ten feet across and under as made by Mr. Adams. The vote was taken and passed in the affirmative, and the vote was reconsidered, and a motion made to Adopt the same method of repairing the roads and Bridges with Sluces ten feet across and under, as the town have done years past, and it passed in the affirmative:—

voted to take up the fifth article and act thereon,

Art. 5th. voted to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the repairs of roads and Bridges with Sluces ten feet across and under the ensuing year,

voted to allow for man and oxen ten cents an hour for the time they work. and for tools, the price is left discretionary with the Surveyors.

Art. 3rd. By vote chose Otis Frissell, highway Surveyor, where Jonas B. Brigham was last year. who appeared and was sworn April 7. 1843.

By vote chose William A. Fisk. Surveyor in District where Henry G. Prentice was last year, who appeared and was Sworn April 11. 1843.

By vote chose John P. Hayden, Highway surveyor in place of Silas Forbush. excused.

By vote chose H. H. W. Sigourney, Highway Surveyor in place of John L. Cooper excused,

By vote chose Joshua W. Leland, Highway Surveyor in place of Orlando Whitney, excused, who appeared and was sworn June 8. 1843.

By vote chose Jefferson Bellows Highway Surveyor in place of Luke Leland, excused,

By vote chose Charles A. Town. Pound Keeper. in place of Elijah L. Case excused, who appeared and was sworn May 30. 1843.

Art. 10th voted to allow Sumner Dunsmore the same amount for collecting taxes the ensuing year, he would have received if the Town had not reconsidered the vote to raise one thousand dollars for roads and Bridges with Sluces ten feet across and under.

Art. 3rd By vote chose Solomon Carroll. highway Surveyor in place where Russell Chadock served last year. Sworn June 26th. 1843.

Art. 17th Voted to accept the following amounts.

Thomas C. Biscoe	amounts	15.00
Carneau Palfrey	"	12.00
Jonas B. Brigham	" on roads	21.61
Luke Leland,	" " "	19.87
David Jourdan	" " "	18.57
Henry G. Prentice	" " "	21.75

Voted to choose a Committee of three to Superintend Bridges the ensuing year.

By vote chose Charles Goddard, Philip Wing, Jefferson Bellows, } Committee,

voted to choose one field driver in addition to the ones chosen. By vote chose James G. Putnam, field driver for the year ensuing.

voted to accept the following Town Debts.

Pardon Aldrich,	amount.	$.17.50
Chandler M. Pratt.	"	.3.25
Jaxvant Miriam	"	.4.80
Russell Whulock	"	20.62
Elijah Brooks	"	.7.50
Silas Forbush	"	10.75
Orlando Whitney	"	18.62
Charles Prentice	"	44.88
Benjamin Heywood	"	.7.25
Peter Hunt.	"	20.90
Timothy Miriam,	"	14.75

Measurers of wood appointed by the Selectmen.

Orris L. Bliss. H. D. P. Bigelow. Thomas J. Griggs. George G. Carpenter. Frederick Waterman. } Measurers of wood,

And the meting was adjourned to Tuesday the eleventh instant at two o'clock P. M.

Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

We hereby appoint Wm Sampson to be a Field driver for the present year 1843.

Grafton July 3d 1843. Noah Kimball, Lawson Munyan, Lewis Holbrook, Samt. Houghton. } Selectmen of Grafton.

July 3. 1843 the above named William Sampson appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty.

By Charles Prentice Town Clerk. A True Copy attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

April 11th 1843. at 2. o' clock P. M. the Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the third Instant the following further proceedings were had; to wit:— after reading the record of the last meeting took up the third article in the warrant and acted thereon.—

Art 3rd. Voted to excuse H. H. W. Sigourney as serving High way Surveyor the ensuing year.—

By vote Chose Benjamin Kingsbury highway surveyor in place of H. H. W. Sigourney. who appeared and was sworn April 11. 1843.— } By Charles Prentice Town Clerk, }

Art. 10th. Voted that Sumner Dunsmore receive from the town the same sum for collecting Taxes the ensuing year, he would have received if the Town had not voted to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the repairs of roads and bridges with Sluces ten feet across and under within said town, to be assessed in a labor tax and worked out on the roads as done the year last past. This vote was taken and passed to stand in the place of the vote recorded at the last Meeting on this tenth article,—

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on guide boards. with the following amendment as Made by S. Allen.— It was moved by Samuel Allen to have the guide board and post standing at the fork of the roads near his House, to be removed and placed where the Selectmen shall direct, to answer the Public good, and the vote passed in the affirmative,—

Annual report of the Selectmens, on the Maintainance of Guide Posts & boards in the town of Grafton for the year 1842.

The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, beg leave to submit their report of all the places in which Guide posts are erected & maintained within the town, and all the places which in the opinion of the selectmen they ought to be maintained as follows,— At the corner of the roads near the house of Calvin W. Forbush, at the corner of the Common near the house of Jon^a Wheeler Esqr. at the corner of the Worcester & Millbury roads, near the house of Sam^l Allen Esqr. at the fork of the Millbury & Sutton roads near the house of Robert Prentice, at the corner of Sutton & Uxbridge roads, South of the house of Robt. Prentice at the corner near the house of Joseph Bruce, at the corner near the house of Jonathan Sibley, at the corner near the house of the late Thaddeus Read, at the corner between the last mentioned house and the house lately occupied by Reuben Eames and now occupied by Uriah Brown at the corner between the houses of Joseph Bruce & Henry D. Howard, at the corner near the Indian burial ground at the corner near the Meeting house in Farnumville at the corner near the house of David Farnum, at the corner on the road to Northbridge near the house of the late Timothy Gleason, at each of the corners of the roads between the Cotton Mill in in Farnumville and the house of Austin Holbrook,—

At the corner near the house of Esek Saunders, at the corner near the house of Jason Putnam, at each of the corners between the burial ground and the house of Samuel Dispeau, at the corner near the Tavern house in N. E. Village, at the corner of the Providence & Westboro. roads a little to the west of the last mentioned place, at the corner near the house of the late Asa Waters, at the fork of the road near the Hay Scales in N. E. Village, at each of the corners near the house of Jon.a R. Putnam, at the corner near the house of Tarrant Mixam, at the corner near the house of Daniel Cutler, at the corner near the house of Solomon E Goulding, at the corner near the house of Asahel Fairbanks, all of which is respectfully submitted. —

Noah Kimball
Lawson Munyan
Lewis Holbrook.
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Grafton March 13, 1843.

To the Selectmen of Grafton

Gentlemen, while passing through this town on the 26th Day of December last, and near the house of Obediah Redding in Farnum ville I upsett my load of Chairs Pails &c. in consequence of the road being to narrow and no railing to protect or to keep my waggon from sliding down the hill, it being frozen & Icy the damage in breaking waggon & Chairs I estimate at eight dollars in gross. for which amount I wish you to reimburse me. —

Timothy Fessenden
of Westminster,

A true copy of the Selectmens report, and the above letter, to the Selectmen.

Attest. Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk, —

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to examine in to the facts of complaint as made by Timothy Fessenden, which is in the words following; viz: —

The committee appointed at the last Town meeting, to ascertain the facts and circumstances, in the case of Timothy Fessenden, who claims of the Town of Grafton the sum of eight dollars damage which was sustained by him on the 26th day of Dec. last past, by reason of his load of Chairs, Pails &. Baskets tipping over in the highway, near Farnums Upper village in said Grafton, have attended to the duties assigned them and ask leave to report, that on the 10th day of April current, they went to the place where the accident happened and examined the same and heard the circumstances of the accident as related by Messrs Redding, Drury, and Hall, who were there soon after it happened, and helped Mr. Fessenden out of his —

difficulty, — They all agree with Mr Fessenden in estimating the damage which was caused by the accident, at about $8.00. for a Dozen Chairs, common Dining Chairs, broken to pieces, and some damage done to the waggon, Messrs Redding & Hall were paid 25 cts each by Mr Fessenden for helping him reload his goods, — The town is not liable to Mr. Fessenden for the damage caused by the accident, unless it was occasioned by some defect in the highway, — as to the defect in the highway, the Committee have to report that, the travelled part of it, when the accident occurred, is twenty feet wide & perhaps a little more, — That at the termination of the travelled part of the highway on the south side of it, the ground begins to descend, and falls about six feet in fifteen and as near as we could estimate from an angle of elevation of about 20° or 25°. — The road, at the time of the accident had become slippery & crowning with the ice which had formed from water running down the road. — —

The load when it come on to this ice which lay descending to the south, slewed round and tipped over and down the aforesaid descent, — The road and the descent, where the accident took place, is said to be the same now that it was some 10 or 12 years ago when it was accepted by the County Commissioners, — The road was accepted by them, without any railing being put up, or any being ordered by them to be put up, & it has remained so ever since without any accident having happened there, until Now, that we could learn, should the want of a suitable railing or fence at this place, constitute a defect in the highway, your Committee do not undertake to determine how far the acceptance of the road by the C. Commissioners will exonerate the town from their accountability for damages arising from accidents happening by and through it — because in this case the Committee have come to the conclusion that if a railing or fence had been placed there on the south side of the road, it would have had no effect to prevent the accident, — —

The load of Chairs, Pails & Baskets was upon wheels and consequently very high and large — it appeared that the wind also was very high which when the load slewed round as they called it on the ice, would have blown the load over the fence if there had been one, — and would probably have caused greater damage, — It appears also that on the 26th of Dec. last when the accident happened, the Sleighing was good and yet the load of Mr. F. was upon wheels, — — —

We think if the load had been upon runners as it might and ought to have been the accident would not have happened,

Mr. Fessenden had a Sled attached to the hind part of his waggon, and might and we think ought to have used it, — which if he had, with his four horses attached to it, he would have passed this spot with greater rapidity and we think with safety, — The same place was passed the same day —

by a Mr Taft with a heavy load, on runners, drawn by horses, and no accident happened. — your Committee conclude by expressing the opinion that Towns are not liable for damages arising from accidents which happen through the use of four wheel carriages in the winter when the Sleighing is good especially where such accidents would happen if no defect existed in the highway as we suppose was the fact in this case. — .

Samuel Allen
Lovel Baker
Austin Holbrook, } Committee,

A true Copy.
Attest.
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk. — —

Voted to accept the report and Bill of expenses for partitioning off a room in the Town Hall for the accomodation of the Selectmen and other Town Officers, which is in the words and figures following. — — — — — — — — — —

The Committee Chosen by the Town to cause to be partitioned from their Town Hall a room for the convenience of the Selectmen and other Town Officers report, —

That they have caused to be finished & furnished a room for the above purpose and present the following bill of expence, —

William T. Losures Bill for partitioning laying floor & making Table as pr. contract. $14.50
Samuel T. Redding's bill for painting. 3.13
Nathan Hancock's bill for Stove & Funnel 8.31
Barnabas Newton's 2d for fixing Chimney. 13
$26.07

Grafton April 11th. 1843.

Philip Wing
Lovel Baker
Oliver M Brigham } Committee.

A True Copy.
Attest.
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

For the remainder of the proceeding had at the foregoing meeting held on the 11th day of April A. D. 1843 will be found by turning over one leaf. — — — — — — —

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, ——————— Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday the twenty second day of May Instant at four o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit. ——

1st. To choose a Moderator, ——————

2nd. To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to renew the application for a Loan of Money for the amount the Town is now indebted to the Provident Institution for savings, the time having expired for which said Loan was first made. or act thereon. ——————

3rd. To accept Town Debts, ——————

you are directed to serve this warrant, by Posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in the Centre of said town, and at the New-England Village two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting,

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant to ourselves, with your doings thereon on or before the hour of holding said Meeting

Given under our hands and seals this thirteenth day of May A. D. one thousand eight hundred & forty three.

Noah Kimball
Samuel Houghton
Willard S. Wood
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester, ss. May 22nd 1843.

I have served the within Warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in the town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant. ——————

Charles Prentice, Constable.

A true copy of warrant and return thereon.

Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Town meeting of April 11th. A.D. 1843 Continued from the other side. —

Voted to take up the 17th Article and act thereon,

Art. 17th. voted to accept the following accounts. —

John L. Cooper	acct for Labor on roads.	$32.00
Henry R. Fuith	" " " "	3.00
Joseph Adams	" " " "	10.00
William A. Fisk	" " " "	8.80
Luke Leland	" " " "	3.60

Otis Frissell, account Charged twelve and half cents per hour voted to allow him ten cents per hour, — — — — — $17.00

Voted to take up the 16th Article and act thereon

Art. 16th. voted to allow Joseph H. Whitney ten Dollars in addition to the sum the Committee contracted for to build the Stone Bridge, near the Shop of Green & Knowlton's. $10.

Voted to take up the Thirteenth article and act thereon

Art. 13th. The Town voted to Layout a sum not exceeding fifty Dollars on the House on the Town farm. — — —

Voted to choose a committee of three persons to carry this article in to effect,

By vote chose. — Philip Wing
" " " James H. Cheney } Committee,
" " " Oliver M. Brigham

Voted to Constitute the Highway Surveyors Collectors of high-way Tax the ensuing year, — — —

And the Meeting was dissolved. —

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

To Charles Prentice, clerk of the Town of Grafton

The following is a List of names of persons in the Town of Grafton liable to be enrolled as Militia men, as made out by the subscribers, Assessors of said Town for the year 1843.

Anson Hancock, Samuel A. Wheler, Thurston T. Griggs, Thompson Kimberly jr, Leander Stockwell, William C. Stockwell, Leonard Brown, Marquis Green, Orvis L. Bliss, John M. Hubbard, Walter H. Withrby, Leonard P. Chase, Samuel D. Hager, George B. Raymond, Reuben Dodge, William G. Emerson, Charles D. Munroe, Lorenzo Maynard, Samuel A. Dalrimple, Theophelaus Healey, John Briggs, Abel Maynard, Elisha W. Hinds, Jeremiah S. Holmes, Fisher A. Bosworth, Elisha S. Livermore, Edward G. Gilman, Jesse Emory, Ebenezer F. Burrill, Caleb Wood, Moses C. Woodbury, Dexter D. Ball, John Whitney, Ephraim H. Brown, Augustus S. Hayward, Cyril Francis Ormsbee, John Stephens, Francis Mc. Intier, William Mecorney, Augustus Goodno, James H. Cheney, William S. Brown, Silas Vinton, Winthrop Faulkner, Rufus B. Potter, John B. White, Charles L. Wheler, David White jr, Elias White, Lovel Baker jr, Lovel Stow, George F. Slocomb, Lysander Pratt, Aaron H. Davenport, H. D. P. Bigelow, John Bigelow, Abraham M Bigelow, Henry A. Ball, Wyman Hay, William W. Ayres, Merrill Grunwood, James H Munroe, Francis Wade, Orrin G. Goodwin, Samuel A Baker, Charles A. Pierce, Minot Amsden, Lewis Griggs, Martin Fassett, Otis Frissell, Lawrence Bliss, Horrace Daniels, Barnabas Newton, Healy Baker, Daniel A. Wesson, Noah Kimball, Calvin W. Forbush, John Davis, Newcomb S. Beals, Foreman Dexter, Charles Burr, Joseph Dispeau, Abner Carpenter, Seth Sampson, Henry Mellen, Constant R. Davis, Amos D. Johnson, William Pope, Jacob Spring, Gilbert C. Taft, Benjamin L. Phillips, Ivers Sawyer, Warren Campbell, Abraham Vancuran, Esek Saunders, Hartford P. Dunham, David C. Brown, Joseph G. Brown, Solomon L Prentice, Charles A. Smith, Orlando Whitney, Horrace Nash, William Prentice, John Hitchens, Oliver C. Forehand, Augustus D. Clark, Horatio C Chase, Lewis Elliott, Abel S. Littlewood, David Phillipsbee, Henry H. Paine, Roswell Hodge, Leonard Buxton, Isaac Redding, George W. Randall, Hiram Sibley, George S. Case, Henry Johnson, Nathaniel Pitts, John C. Parker, Stephen S. Wheler, Ezra K. Pratt, Benjamin S. Watson, William E. Blandon, Orlando Russell, Joseph A. Stow, Joshua Spear jr, William R. Spear, Luke Cass, Thomas Spear

(continued over)

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held at the Town Hall on monday the twenty second day of May A.D. 1843, pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had; to wit:—

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Noah Kimball, Moderator, —

Art. 2nd. Voted that the Town Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorised to renew a note formerly given by the Town to the Provident Institution for savings in the City of Boston, for the sum now due being about twenty one hundred dollars, for which he shall give the Treasurers note of said Town of Grafton promising payment of the said sum in five years, with Interest annually at a rate not exceeding Five per centum pr. annum, with the privilege of paying five hundred Dollars or more whenever the Town shall see fit, —

Art. 3rd. Voted to pass over this article, —
And the meeting was dissolved, —.
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Augustus W. Williams, Orrin Davis, Daniel G. Fairbanks, Peter Curtis, — Gardner L. Whitlock, Edwin Smith Simeon B. Mascroft, George Odlum, Richard Odlum, George Pelsey, Joseph A. Merriam, William H. Thompson, William N. Lewis, Jonathan Withersby Samuel Chase, — George W. Smith, Henry P. Withersby, Augustus Johnson, Edwin Bathrick, Morris Karaidon, Thomas Aldrich, William Boyden, Olney Davis, James Swan, — John Dunsmore, Daniel Bosworth, Lorranno Knowlton, Charles F. Leland, Asa F. Smith, John Putnam Jr, Erastus White, Otis N. Pond, Nathaniel G. Whitney, John L. Cooper, Reuben Howes, George Smith, Sullivan Sweet, Jeremy J. Goodrich, Joseph Ray, Jasper W. Putnam, Silas Stone, Edward W. Grout, Moses Sherman 2nd. Avery Davis Albert White, — Lorin Davis, Harris Batchelder, Bucklin Adams, — Samuel C. Whitney, Samuel W. Howe, Harvey J. Pratt Samuel C. Bennett, John C. Bennett, Uriah Scarles, Adolphus Howe, Solomon C. Goulding, Lorenzo Pimpton Hollis Chamberlain, David R. Chamberlain, Charles L. Chamberlain, Andrew L. Kendall, Rufus Pierce, William Carter Jonas H. Munroe Jr. Marshal Mann, Ebenezer Lincoln,

Harvey Goddard, Rodney Leland, Jonathan B. Sibley,
George W. Southworth, George Amsden, Calvin Prentice,
George W. Drury, Jeremiah Flagg Jr. Peter Hunt, Lowell
Fay, Daniel L. Emerson, James L. Bliss, Bradford Chase,
James M. Kimball, Willard B. Drury, Henry Pierce,
Jotham Wheeler, Jonathan W Fay, Charles I. Stow,
Frederick Williams, Simeon Fay, Thaddeus T. Gay,
Samuel G. Congdon, Charles A. Dunsmore, Silas A Pierce,
Jonathan H. Woods, Hanson G. Hinds, Peter Wheeler,
Rufus W. Davenport, John M. Davenport, Levi C. Heywood,
Charles L. Heywood, Salem Griggs, George L. Hubbard,
Lincoln Wood, Lewis E. Randall, Cyrus Dalrimple,
William Holbrook, Samuel F. Stone, Absalom S. Hastings,
Hiram Fernald, Luke F. Allen, Luther Stow Levi H.
Stow, Charles C. Foster, Daniel G. Prentiss, Charles H.
Stow, Leander S. Pratt, Elijah L. Case, Charles I.
Warren, Samuel F Redding, Benjamin Robbinson,
John H. Stiles, George H. Whitney, Amasa Howe,
John Rice, Salmon P. Hall, William M. Stow,
Daniel Woodcock, John Daniels Noah Fletcher,
Collins Arnold, Hoboor Haverson Nathaniel F. Skinner,
Joseph Fisk, David Chase, James Harden, William
Pierce, Duncan Turner, William Sampson, Thomas
Esdon, James Esdon, William Esdon, Jonas H. Brown
Silas L. Brown, William Richardson, Curtis L. Allen,
John Bridges, Warren S. Gay, Samuel M. Davis, Owen
M. Smith, Frances P. Gerry, Edward Smith, Richard
Smith, William Southwick, James Henry, Benjamin
Goddard, Robert Stewardson, James Brown, James
Burns, William H. Burns, George E. Burns, Robert
Prentiss 2nd. John Kelly, John G. Phillips, Warren
Brigham, Elphonzo Barrus, Joseph Burns, Jonathan
R. Putnam, Samuel C. Flagg, Nathaniel G. Whitney
Samuel S. Gifford, George F. Rugg, Benjamin
Heywood Jr. Benjamin Paine, Cromwell Lathe,
John Gleason, Lyman Austin, Horatio Fisk,
Peter Mayo, Thomas Cady, Luther Dexter, John
Redding, Silas A. Forbush, John P. Hayden, Hiram
W. Woodcock, Judson Eames, Darius Eames, Sumner E.
Stow, William Southland, Calvin Forbush, Lawson
Munyan, Calvin S. Thurston, Joel Taft, Jotham Taft
Charles C. Forbush, Nathaniel Smith, George W. Thurston
Levi N. Leland, Elliot Jourdan, George A. Brown,
James C. Aldrich, Edwin Martin, Thomas G. Martin
Charles Damon, Hortus Stafford, Frederick Waterman,
David F. Eames, Leonard Brown, Leonard Johnson
Joshua Congdon, Patrick Winch, Elbridge G. Harrington,
Walter Harrington, Charles Putnam, Jonathan Hodgerdney
James G. Putnam, Oliver H. Wheelock, Edmund F. Wheeler,

Samuel B. Dolliver, Leander W. Greenwood, Charles Prentice 2nd
Samuel G. Goddard, Ephraim Fowler, Joseph H. Clarke, George
F. Clark, Frederick F. Elliott, Erastus Fisher, Willard Clapp
Cyrus Ferry, William B. Nolen, Jonas B. Brigham, Charles A. S.
Temple, Luke Leland Jr. Harrison Winter, Amasa L.
Howard, Josiah G. Hall, Leander Batchelder, Calvin Tarbox,
Hillel Baker, Joel White, James Putnam, Stillman Coburn
Albert Taft, Thomas D. Wright, Davis Taylor, Elijah Blackman,
Charles Hager, George Wood, Jefferson Bellows, George W.
Jones, Charles Harris, Curtis Maynard, Jonathan Nichols
Joseph Willard, Eri B. Davis, Rufus S. Davis, Lewis C. Stone,
Asa Smith, George Hodgerney, Charles L. Mitchell, Orrin
Dadman, Samuel A. Knox, Marshall Dadman. —
Ethan Thompson, Jonathan Butterfield, John Wheeler Jr.
Harrison Claflin, Charles C. Green, Aaron K. Hathaway,
William Gifford, Joseph P. Leland, Irvin Thompson,
Franklin Bigelow, Lebina C. Lincoln, John Harrington,
Lewis H. Bigelow, George W. Pennock, William Barker,
John B. Smith, Nathan S. Wheelock, Freeman Nelson,
Leonard Nelson, Joseph Dolliver, Levi M. Harrington,
Joseph Whitney, Dexter B. Chase, Henry C. Thayer,
Isaac Mason, Royal A. Keith, Henry R. Keith, Henry
Prentice, Eli B. Sadler, William A. Fisk, Jonathan S. Fisk
Hanson L. Read, Cyrus Fay, David Jourdan, Waterman
A. Fisher, Elisha M. Smith, Sumner Dunsmore, George
W. Hastings, Harvey T. Eddy, Delano P. Eddy Lewis
Holbrook, Charles C. Adams, Samuel W. Putnam, —
George Fuller, Charles Goddard, William G. Ferry
Jerome Sherman, Benjamin C. Green, Nathaniel Eddy.

Grafton June 10th 1843.

Philip Wing
Joseph Batchelder
Oliver M Brigham
} Assessors of the Town of Grafton,

Whole Number 438.

A True copy. Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in

Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday the thirtieth day of November next at Nine o' clock A. M, being the second Monday in said Month, to bring in their votes to the selectmen, for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing, to be voted for all upon one Ballot,

Also to bring in their votes for a Representative, to represent said town in the next General Court, to be holden at Boston on the first wednesday in January next. — The Polls for the reception of the above votes, will be opened at 10. o'clock, and seperate boxes will be provided in order to receive them at one and the same time,

You are also directed to notify said inhabitants to meet on said day, at the place aforesaid, at two o' clock P. M. to act on the following articles, viz:—

1st. To Choose a Moderator,
2nd To accept town debts,
3rd To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon,
4th To hear the report of the Selectmen, upon laying out a private way from the Worcester road to the House occupied by Ebenezer Wheler — according to petition of John Starkweather, and said Wheler. by their Attorney Samuel Allen Esq.r and act thereon,—
5th To hear the report of the Select-men, in the revision of the Jury Box, and act thereon. —

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the public Meting-houses in the centre of said town, and at the meting-house in New England village, nine days at least before the time of holding said Meting, —

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, on or before the hour of holding said Meting, — —

Given under our hands and seals this twenty eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three. —

Noah Kimball.
Lawson Munyan.
Lewis Holbrook.
Samuel Houghton,
Willard S. Wood,
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester, ss, — November 13th 1843. —
I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof, at each of the Public Meting-houses in said Town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant. — Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton,

A true Copy —
Attest, Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on the thirteenth day of November, being the second Monday of said month A. D. 1843, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of Worcester, all upon one Ballot, Also to give in their votes for a Representative in the General Court, and to act on town affairs, — . —

The whole number of Ballots given in for Governor and Lieutenant Governor was Five hundred and fifteen. — —

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons, — . —

For Governor —
George N. Briggs, Two hundred thirty eight votes,
Marcus Morton, Two hundred nineteen votes,
Samuel E. Sewall, Fifty eight votes

For Lieutenant Governor,
John Reed Two hundred thirty eight votes,
Henry H. Childs, Two hundred eighteen votes
William Jackson Fifty nine votes,

The whole number of Ballots given in for Senators was Five hundred and fifteen, and were for the following persons.

Levi Lincoln, Two hundred thirty eight votes,
Solomon Strong, Two hundred thirty eight votes,
Linus Childs, Two hundred thirty seven votes,
Alexander DeWitt, Two hundred thirty eight votes,
Dan Hill, Two hundred thirty seven votes,
Isaac Davis, Two hundred sixteen votes,
John Spurr, Two hundred seventeen votes,
Arial Bragg, Two hundred eighteen votes,
Walter A. Bryant, Two hundred eighteen votes,
Lilburn Harwood, Two hundred eighteen votes,
Thomas W. Ward, Fifty nine votes
Gilman Jones, Fifty nine votes,
Nicholas Jenks Fifty nine votes,
Joseph Griggs Fifty nine votes,
Reuben Whitcomb jr. Fifty nine votes,

The whole number of Ballots given in for a Representative of the Town of Grafton in the next General Court to be held at Boston on the first wednesday of January next, was.

Five hundred and ten. —

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons. —

Otis Converse, Two hundred thirty eight votes,
Silas Forbush, Two hundred eight votes,
Holland Greenwood, Sixty two votes,
Otis Adams, one vote. —
Samuel F. Redding, one vote, —
and there was no Choice, —

At a town meeting held on the same day at the same place at two O'clock P. M, pursuant to warning. The following proceedings were had; to wit: —

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose. Charles Brigham Jr. Moderator, —

Art. 2nd. voted to accept the following Town debts. —

Jonathan W. Stowrs amount. —	$13.34
Cromwell Lathe's amount,	5.00
Charles Thurber's amount,	12.50
Samuel Hall's amount,	5.40
Committees Bill on the Hearse-house.	19.06
Committees Bill on the Town Farm	38.58
Samuel Hall & others amount for erecting the Monuments on the old Burying grounds &c. —	51.50
William C. Richards, amount, —	17.00

Voted to take up the fifth article and act thereon

Art. 5th. voted to accept the revision of the Jury Box as made out by the Selectmen by taking therefrom Liberty Wood's name and inserting E. B. Bigelow in his stead he being not considered an inhabitant at this time. —

Took up the fourth article.

Art. 4th after the Selectmens report on the private way mentioned in this article was read. Samuel Allen Esq^r Objected to the acceptance of it by the town, as it was not located according to the Petition and was void. It was then put to vote and the town voted Not to accept of it. — — — — —

and the Meeting was dissolved. —

Attest.

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

The following is a List of Names as prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, and accepted by the Town November 13th 1843. viz: —

Isaac W. Wood. Silas Forbush Luke Leland
John W. Slocomb, Charles Goddard, — (over.)

Chandler M. Pratt, Lawson Munyan, Willard S. Wood,
Joseph Bruce, Philip Wing, Oliver M. Brigham, —
Elijah Kimball, Moses Farnum, Calvin W. Forbush,
Jasper W. Putnam, Jonathan N. Stow, David Jourdan,
Leonard Whitlock, Austin Holbrook, Otis Adams, —
Jonathan Warren, Nathan Hancock, Eseck Saunders,
Levi N. Leland, Noah Kimball, Samuel Houghton,
Lewis Holbrook, Charles Brigham Jr. Rufus E. Warren,
James H. Chiney, Samuel F. Redding, Charles B. Jenks,
John Whitney, Joseph Batchelder, Jefferson Billows
Leander S. Pratt, John P. Hayden, Frederick Waterman,
Benjamin Kingsbury, John Waterman. ——
George Webster, Silas Wilson, John Putnam Junr.
Waterman A. Fisher, Abraham M. Bigelow ——
Samuel W. Putnam, Benjamin W. Fay, Edward B. Bigelow,

A true Copy of the List. —

Attest,

Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday the fourth day of March next at nine o'clock A. M. to act on the following articles, viz: —

1st. To Choose a moderator, ——————————

2nd. To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer, —

3rd. To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, ——————————

4th. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen, and other Officers, or outstanding Committees of the town and act thereon, ——————————

5th. To see what sums of Money the town will raise for defraying the necessary expenses of the town the current year, and appropriate the same, —

6th. To determine the manner of repairing the roads and —

Bridges within the town the ensueng year, ——

7th. To see if the town will cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12. o'clock M. and 9. o'clock P.M. ——

8th. To see if the town will pay the same charges for Burials the ensuing year as has been paid the past, or act thereon, ——

9th. To see if the treasurer shall be collector of Taxes the ensuing year, and if so, determine his compensation, and the abatements to be made on taxes paid in 30. 60. and 120 days from the time the tax Bill shall be committed to the collector —, ——

10th. To see if the town will fix the time within which all taxes shall be paide, and determine what measures be taken with those who neglect to pay within that time, —

11th. To see if the town will authorize the prudential committes of the several school Districts to hire their Teachers the ensuing year —, ——

12th. To see what measures the town will adopte in relation to the necessary repairs upon the buildings on the town farm,

13th. To accept Town debts, ——

14th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to renew a loan in their behalf, according to terms proposed by the Provident Institution for Savings. or act thereon, ——

15th. To see if the town will procure two fire Engines, one to be located in the centre of the town according to petition of Eli Adams and others, the other to be located at New England village according to petition of Ebenezer Leland and others, or act thereon, ——

16th. To see if the town will cause their Hearse to be plaide upon runners, or act thereon, ——

17th. To see what damage if any, the Town will allow Abraham G. Randall of Millbury, for breaking his Sleigh in January last, in consequence as he alleges of a defect in the highway near the House of George W. Putnam, ——

18th. To see if the town will furnish a new Stove or Stoves and funnel for the Town Hall, and also provide for lighting the Hall, ——

The Polls will be open for the reception of votes at 10, o' clock A, M, ...

At the annual meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town Hall in said town on monday the fourth day of March A. D. 1844, the following proceedings were had; to wit:—

Art. 1st. By Ballot. Chose Joseph Bruce, Moderator,

Art. 2nd. For County Treasurer, for the County of Worcester, —
Anthony Chase, had one hundred thirty one votes,
I. R. Barber, had Nine votes, — — — —,

Art. 3rd, voted to have five Selectmen the ensuing year,
By Ballot Chose.

Leonard Wheelock
Samuel Houghton
Lewis Holbrook
Charles Aldrich

} Selectmen who came forward. March 4th. 1844. Samuel Houghton absent and were Severally sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of their office, respecting all elections and the returns thereof. By Joseph Bruce, Just.s Peace, Attest, Charles Prentice, T. Clerk, —

By Ballot. Chose

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, March 11. 1844 Sworn By Joseph Bruce Just. of the Peace. Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. —

" " " Jonathan Warren, Town Treasurer, Sworn March 8th 1844

" " " Charles Brigham Jr,
" " " Samuel Houghton
" " " Otis Converse, — } Assessors, Sworn April 1. 1844. Sworn April 1. 1844. Sworn March 11. 1844.

~~voted to postpone the choice of the fifth Selectman to the next adjourned meeting~~
voted to take up the fourth article,

Art. 4th. voted to accept the Selectmen's report, which is in the words and figures following; to wit. —

Report of the Selectmen of Grafton upon the condition of the town, for the year ending March 2d. 1844.—

Resources of the town.

A farm and buildings thereon cost.	$. 3000. 00
Hay, grain, stock, provisions, Household furniture, farming tools, &c. &c. as valued by the Selectmen, — — —	772. 62
Robert W. Flagg's Note secured by mortgage — — —	1000. 00
Emory Singletary's Note secured by Mortgage, the principal being a School fund, the interest only, to be applied for support of Schools, — — —	1000. 00
Total, — —	$. 5772. 62

Liabilities of the town,

A Note due the Provident Institution for savings at Boston, balance on the principal April 1st. 1843. is	2096. 14
Leaving a balance in favor of the town, including the school note $3676. 48 Deducting school note $2676. 48 —	$. 3676. 48

Statement of expences, shewing the cost of supporting the Poor upon the town farm, ——

Interest on the farm at 5 pr. ct. — — —	$.150.00
Agents Salary — — — —	200.00
Cash paid for Cow — — —	35.00
Paid by Agent, Sundry Bills in Cash & produce	223.89
Paid Doct. Delano Pierce for Medical services, —	25.78
" " Henry Parker " " " —	2.26
" Geo. H. Whitney's Bill for making a Coffin for Lois Drew, — — — — — —	5.00
Whole amount of Cost of carrying on the farm. — —	$.641.93
From which deduct the amount rec'd by the Agent in Cash and Goods, — — — — $.277.87	
Balance in the hands of the Agent, — 53.98	331.85
Making the balance for supporting Paupers upon the farm —	$.310.08

Whole number of weeks Board 355.
Whole number assisted upon the farm the past year Eleven — average cost per week for board, clothing, and Physicians Bills is about 87 1/2, being a less sum than any year since 1837. and less with the exception of said year, than any one since the purchase of the farm. — There has been considerable sickness among the Paupers the past year, and Two who were with at the commencement of the year have been removed by death, the remainder are convalescent, and are made as comfortable as persons under such circumstances can be, their fare being equal in our opinion to that of the citizens of the town in general.

Expences incurred in the support of the poor away from the farm, — — — — — —

Paid for the support of Samuel Gibson 31 days, —	12.00
Paid Dr. Henry Parker for services in same case	12.00
" for the support of Sarah Whitcomb 30 days, — —	7.71
" Henry Parker for services in same case, —	4.65
" Jos. H. Lovell for the support of Lyman Stone a minor son of the late Charles H. Stone from April 19th 1843. to April 19th 1844, — — — — —	36.00
" Oliver M. Brigham for support of Ellen Barrett	14.60
" Horatio Fisk for the support of Mehitable Fay, 9 days	12.00
" Dr. Henry Parker for services in same case, — —	5.28
" for Robe, Cap and Hdkf and making same for Lucy Gimbo	2.59
" for sundry articles furnished John Hewitt for the funeral of his Mother, — — — — —	1.99
" 5 french persons & 3 Irish &c. to assist them on their journey — — — — —	4.50
Paid Lewis Holbrook for two journeys to Boylston —	4.00
Total amount of cost away from farm —	$.116.32

Amount brought up,		$116.32
Refunded by the town of Dorchester,	4.43	
" " " " " Bolton	3.86	
Received for State Paupers,	66.45	74.74
Making the bal. for the support of the poor away from the farm		$41.58

Whole number assisted away from the farm is fifteen,
Whole number relieved by the town in part or whole,
is twenty six,

amount of cost for supporting paupers
the past year above Receipts is, $351.66

Receipts of the town the past year,

1843. March 6th.	Received of Wood Kimball & Co. being cash in their hands rec'd by them for rent of Town Hall &c,	10.71
" 23d.	refunded by the town of Shrewsbury,	35.11
Balance in hands of Treasurer Mar. 4/43.		1735.56
April 1st.	received interest on school note,	60.00
July 1st.	" 6 Mos. int. on Rob't W. Flaggs note	30.00
Dec.	" of State Treasurer being the School fund	99.76
"	" for State paupers,	66.45
"	" on acct. of volunteers in the Militia,	35.00
Jan 31.	" 6 Mos int on Robert W. Flaggs note	30.00
Mar. 2d.	" of Wood Kimball & Co. bal. refunded by the town of Dorchester & for rent of Town Hall,	6.35
	Amount of Town tax committed to Sumner Dunsmore for collection,	2374.79
	Total	$4483.73

The Selectmen further report that they have settled with Jonathan Warren Town Treasurer and have paid through his hands the following amounts up to March 22. 1844,

For District schools,	$1500.00
Paid Committee on Bridges	542.50
Paid for breaking roads	311.96
Paid for seats in the town Hall, for finishing off a room in same and furnishing wood mending Stove &c.	127.72
Paid Com. for repairs upon House on town farm and on Hearse-house,	57.64
Paid for improvements in and around the Burying ground, including mowing the brush,	61.90
Paid Assessors orders to Engine men,	56.55
Paid Assessors orders abating taxes,	44.73
Paid interest on town note,	120.52
Paid volunteers in the Militia	30.00
Paid Sundry other orders drawn by the Selectmen,	713.70
	$3567.22
Shewing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of	916.51
	$4483.73

(over)

It will be seen by the foregoing statement, that several items amounting in the aggregate to a large sum, have been paid the past year which are extraordinary in their character, and do not often occur, we allude to the sum paid for breaking roads, for the seats in this Hall, for finishing off a room in the same for the use of the offices of the Town, and the amount paid for new setting the wall on one side of the burying grounds, with the other improvements upon said grounds, these amount to $.486.33 ——

As offset in part to the above the town have been very fortunate in relation to expences paid for Paupers away from the farm. The principal expences have been incurred in the support of three persons who were taken suddenly ill and could not be removed — but the entire amount paid in all the cases during the year exceeds the receipts in the trifling sum only of $41.58

The decrease in applications of this character, we attribute in part to the present improving condition of the country, and the consequent increased facilities for procuring employment,

All of which is respectfully submitted,
Grafton March 2d, 1844.

Noah Kimball
Lawson Munyan
Lewis Holbrook
Willard S. Wood
} Select-men of Grafton

A true Copy.
Attst,
Charles Prentice. T. Clerk,

voted to resume the third article and act thereon,

Art. 3d. voted to have three persons for the General School Committee

By Ballot Chose Revd Thomas C. Biscoe
" Edmond B. Wilson
" Otis Converse
} General School Committee,

Voted to have two Constables for the ensuing year,

By Ballot Chose Charles Prentice
David Jourdan.
} Sworn March 16th 1844 By Joseph Brown Just. Peace. Attest Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. Constables

voted to have thirteen highway Surveyors, the ensuing year,

By vote Chose Samuel Hall
Henry K. Keith
Curtis Forbush
} Sworn March 11. 1844. Highway Surveyors

Benjamin W. Fay. Sworn June 26th. 1844.

Art. 3rd. By vote chose Joseph Merriam Jr.
" " " Isaac S. Harrington
" " " Esek Saunders
" " " H. H. W. Sigourney
" " " Elijah Kimball
" " " Henry D. Howard
" " " Russell Whitlock
" " " Ebenezer K. Dodge
" " " George W. Drury.

Sworn June 17. 1844. Highway Surveyors, Sworn April 1. 1844. Sworn March 13th 1844.

Voted to have three fence viewers for the ensuing year,
By vote chose ——————,
" " " Aaron Holmes
" " " Barnabas Newton

Fence viewers, Sworn September 25. 1844. by C. Prentice J. Clerk,

Voted to have three Sealers of Leather the ensuing year,
By vote chose Jonathan Warren
" " " John Whitney
" " " Horace P. Brown,

Sworn March 8th. 1844. Sealers of Leather, Sworn March 26. 1844.

Voted to have three Surveyors of Lumber,
By vote chose James H. Cheney
" " " John Rice,
" " " Charles B. Jenks.

Sworn March 11. 1844 Surveyors of Lumber,

voted the Selectmen appoint the Measurers of wood,

voted to have three field Drivers for the ensuing year.
By vote chose, Sumner E. Stow
" " " Isaac L. Brown
" " " Nathaniel Smith

Sworn March 9th. 1844. Field Drivers

voted to have three more.
" " " Healy Baker
" " " Obediah Redding
" " " Barnabas Newton

Field Drivers.

By vote chose Charles H. Towne. Pound keeper, Sworn March 29. 1844

By vote chose Nathan Hancock. Sealer of weights and Measures, —
who appeared and was Sworn May 7. 1844.
Attest. C. Prentice J. Clerk.

Voted to have a Committee of three to audit accounts,

" " " Lovell Baker
Oliver M. Brigham
Noah Kimball

For said Committee,

voted to have seventeen Fire wards for the ensuing year,
" " " John W. Slocomb
" " " Thompson Kimberly Jr.
" " " Calvin W. Forbush,

accepted March 11. 1844. Fire wards.

Art. 3rd. Bycote Chose, David Jourdan,
" " " Jefferson Bellows.
" " " Charles Goddard. accepts, March 11. 1844
" " " Chandler M. Pratt
" " " Charles B. Jenks. — accepts March 11. 1844.
" " " Esek Saunders. —
Declines Mar 18th 1844. Waterman A. Fisher, — Fire wards.
" " " Horace P. Brown, accepts Sept 25. 1844. —
" " " Philip Wing, — accepts March 11. 1844. —
" " " A. M. Bigelow, accepts March 11. 1844.
" " " L. S. Wellock,
" " " Jonathan Warren, Accepted March 8th. 1844. —
" " " Charles Brigham Jr
" " " Samuel Wood. —

voted to take up the Eleventh Article and act thereon,
Art. 11th voted to authorize the prudential Committee of the several School Districts to hire their Teachers the ensuing year,
voted to take up the fourteenth Article, and act thereon, —
Art. 14th. Voted that the Town Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to renew a loan at the Provident Institution for Savings in the City of Boston, for the sum of two thousand dollars, for which he shall give the Treasurers of said town of Grafton's note promising payment of said sum in two years with Interest annually at the rate of five per Centum per annum. —

And the Meeting was adjourned to Monday Eleventh Instant at one o' clock P. M. —

Attest, Charles Prentice, T. Clerk,

March 11th. 1844. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the fourth day of March current, the following further proceedings were had to wit, ...

after reading the proceedings of the last Meeting, —
On motion made the town voted to erase the record made at the last Meeting, whereby they voted to postpone the choice of the fifth Selectman to the next adjourned Meting, and voted to accept Rufus E. Warren who was then chosen Selectman, but did not consent to serve, has since accepted the Office, —

Samuel Houghton, and
Rufus E. Warren. come forward and were severally sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of their office respecting all Elections and the returns thereof.

Attest, Charles Prentice, T. Clerk. By Joseph Bruce Just. of the Peace.

Art. 3rd. By Ballot chose Benjamin Heywood Jr. } Sworn by Jon. Bruce Just. of Peace.
" " " Samuel B. Dolliver. } Constables
duties serving.

" " " E. B. Bigelow. highway Surveyor in place of Samuel Hall. who was excused. and was Sworn. March 13. 1844. Attest, Charles Prentice Town Clerk,
" " " Joseph Batchelder, highway Surveyor in place of Isaac S. Harrington excused, Sworn
" " " Joseph Kimball highway Surveyor in place of Russell Wheelock excused, Sworn March 28. 1844. —

Voted to excuse Rev. Otis Converse serving on the General School Committee, and By Ballot chose Rev. Benjamin D. Peck. in his Stead, ——

Art. 4th. Voted to accept the report of the General School Committee, —

Voted to refer the report of the Committee on Bridges to the auditing Committee.

took up the third Article

Art. 3rd Voted to choose By Ballot, a Committee of five to superintend Bridges the year ensuing. —

voted to reconsider the vote to Choose by ballot and choose by hand vote,

By vote chose. Austin Holbrook } For said Committee
Samuel Allen. —
Jeremiah S. Holmes
Luke Leland. —
Jefferson Wheelock

voted to take up the fifteenth Article and act on that part relating to the Centre of said town,

Art. 15th voted that the town procure a fire Engine with Suction Hose &c. to be kept at Grafton Centre for the use of the town,

voted to act on the remainder of the article, ——

voted to procure a like Engine &c. to be kept at New England village for the use of the town, ——

Voted to choose a Committee of five to purchase said Engines Suction hose &c, ——

By vote chose, Samuel Allen. } For said Committee, —
" " " E. B. Bigelow.
" " " Joseph Batchelder,
" " " John W. Slocomb,
" " " Charles B. Jenks. —

On motion made to reconsider said vote for the purchase of said Engines &c.

voted not to reconsider. 71 to 36. — —

voted to instruct said Committee, not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars, in procuring said Engines and fixtures necessary for the same, ——

voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday 25th inst. at 2. o'Clock P. M. —

Attst, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, ——

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Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn, the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on monday the twenty-fifth day of March inst, at one o'clock, P.M. to act on the following articles as petitioned for by Charles Brigham and others; viz:

1st. To choose a moderator,

2nd. To see if the town will reconsider a vote passed at their last Meeting, whereby they voted to procure two fire Engines, one to be located at the Center of said Town and one at New England village, or act thereon,

3rd. To see if the town will cause to be procured one Fire Engine to be located as near Farnum's village as will be convenient for the inhabitants of the south part of the town, or act thereon,

4th. To see if the town will cause a new division of the School Money to be made,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Center of said Town, and at the Meeting House in New England village to stand two Sundays at least before the time of holding said meeting,

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid,

Given under our hands and Seals, this eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Wheelock
Samuel Houghton
Charles Aldrick
Rufus E. Warren,

Select-men of Grafton.

A true Copy. Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss. March 18th. 1844.

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in said Town of Grafton pursuant to the within directions.

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton.

A true Copy.
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the town Hall in said town on Monday the twenty fifth day of March A.D. 1844. the followings proceedings were had; to wit. .....

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Joseph Bruce, Moderator, ...

voted to take up the fourth article in the warrant and act thereon, motion was made to pass over this article, it passed in the negative, voted to have a committee of ten one from each District, voted to choose said committee by hand vote,

By vote chose
- Samuel Wood
- Samuel W. Putnam
- Elijah Stow
- Orlando Whitney
- Esek Saunders
- Samuel Houghton
- Frederick Waterman
- John P. Haydin
- Eli's Adams.
- Charles Aldrich

} For said Committee

voted to adjourne this meeting for half an hour, on the adjournment, met and proceeded as follows, voted to take up the second article and act thereon,

Art. 2nd. The Town voted to reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting, whereby the town voted to procure two fire Engines with suction hose &c. for the use of said Town, voted to choose a committee of three to inform Mess.rs William Hunniman &c. the vote of the town. .....

By vote chose,
- Charles Brigham
- Samuel Wood
- Esek Saunders.

} said Committee

voted to leave it in the hands of the committee to settle with Mess.rs William Hunniman &c. according to their best skill and judgment.-

Art. 3rd. The town voted not to procure an Engine, as mentioned in this article. .....

And this Meeting was dissolved By vote. .....

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

March 25th. 1844. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the Eleventh instant, the following further proceedings were had, to wit:

Voted to take up the fifteenth article and act thereon.—

Art 15th. The committee chosen at the last meting under this article made their report, that they had contracted for and bought the two Engines hose &c. for said town, —

And on motion being made to reject the report, it was put to vote, and passed in the affirmative, and the report was rejected,

Then voted the Committee Chosen to procure said Engines hose &c. be discharded from any further duties, and it passed in the affirmative, — . — . —

Voted to adjourn this Meting for 15 minuts, —

The town being met pursuant to adjournments,

Voted to take up the thirds Article and act thereon,

Art. 3rd. By Ballot Chose. Jonathan R. Putnam, Constable,

By vote chose, William T. Lesure, in plau of Luke Leland,
" " " John W. Slocomb, in plau of Samuel Allen,
" " " Mowry Farnum, in plau of Austin Holbrook.
Bridge Committee for the ensuing year —,

Voted to take up the fifth article and act thereon,

Art. 5th Voted to grant the sum of twenty eight hundred dollars, to defray the necessary expenses of the Town the ensuing year, — . — . — . — . — . —

Voted to appropriate for schooling the same as the past year, viz: fifteen hundred dollars, with the interest of the school fund and what comes from the Commonwealth, two thirds $1000. dollars for winter schools, and one third, $500. for summer schools, — .

Voted to grant the sum of one thousand dollars for the repair of highways and Sluices of eight feet across and under. The ensuing year. . — . — . —

And voted to allow for man and oxen ten cents per hour while they work, and tools left discretionary with Surveyors, — — — — — — — — — — — —

Art. 6th. voted to pass over this article, — . — — —

Art. 7th voted to authorize the Select-men to attend to this article, — . — . — . — . — . —

Voted to take up the Thirteenth Article and act thereon. —

Art. 13th. Voted to accept the following accounts,

" " "	The Bridge Committee	"	570.92
" " "	Samuel Hall	"	101.75
" " "	Philip Wing	"	33.58
" " "	Joseph Batchelder	"	25.00
" " "	Oliver M. Brigham	"	15.00
" " "	William A. Fisk	"	7.40
" " "	Otis Adams	"	12.80
" " "	Charles Brigham Jr.	"	1.00
" " "	Providence & Worcester Stage Co.	"	3.30
" " "	A. M. Bigelow	"	1.77
" " "	Jason Morse	"	2.00

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the first day of April next at 3. o' clock P. M. —

Attest,

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables, of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, . — . — . — . — . — Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth, of Massachusetts, you are hereby requires to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the town Ha in said Town on Monday the eighth day of April next, at one o' clock, P. M. to act on the following articles viz: — — — —

The above is entered forwards. —

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. —

Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall in Grafton on Monday the first day of April next at one o' clock in the afternoon, to bring in their votes to the Select men for Three County Commissioners on one Ballot for the County of Worcester, being all inhabitants of different towns in said County, also for two Special Commissioners on one ballot for the said County of Worcester,

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet on said day and at the same place at Two o' clock P. M. to act on the following articles, viz

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting. —

2nd. To see what the Town will do in relation to abating the Personal estate Tax assessed in the Year 1842. against Farnum & Loright and Blackstone Woolen Co. or act- thereon. —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in the Center of said town and at the Meeting House in N. E. village to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting. —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the hour of said Meeting. —

Given under our hands and Seals this eighteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four. —

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Wheelock
Charles Aldrich
Samuel Houghton
Rufus E. Warren.
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester, ss. March 25th 1844. —
I have served this warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Town of Grafton, pursuant to the within directions

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton,

A True Copy of the warrant and the return made thereon. —
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

May 27th 1844

Isaac L Brown appeared and was sworn.
Field Driver for the Town of Grafton
Attest Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections, held at the town Hall in said town on Monday the first day of April A.D. 1844. for the purpose of giving in their votes for three County Commissioners, and for two Special Commissioners on one Ballot. for said County.

The whole number of Ballots given in for County Commissioners was one hundred and sixty six.

William Crawford.	of Oakham.	had Ninety four votes,
Jerome Gardner,	" Harvard "	Ninety eight votes,
Joseph Bruce,	" Grafton "	Ninety eight votes,
Adam Harrington	" Shrewsbury "	Fifty seven votes,
Warren Humes,	" Douglass	Fifty six votes,
Gardner Ruggles.	" Hardwick "	Fifty six votes,
James G. Carter	" Lancaster "	Ten votes,
Thomas W. Ward	" Shrewsbury "	Ten votes,
Reuben Whitcomb	" Harvard "	Ten votes,
Holland Greenwood	" Grafton "	one vote,
Theron E. Hall	" Sutton "	one vote,
J. R. Barbour	" Oxford "	one vote,

The whole number of Ballots for Special Commissioners was one hundred sixty five.

Jason Goulding.	of Phillipston. had	Ninety eight votes,
Stephen Davis	" Oxford "	Ninety eight votes,
Dexter Gilbert	" Templeton "	Fifty six votes,
Sullivan Thayer	" Uxbridge "	Fifty six votes,
George A. Flint	" Rutland "	Ten votes,
Lewis Bemis	" Dudley "	Ten votes,
Samuel Fiske	" Holden "	one vote.
George N. Sibley	" Westborough "	one vote,

Attest,

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting held on the same day at two o'clock P. M. the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Art 1st. By Ballot Chose Joseph Bruce, Moderator,

Art. 2nd The town voted to instruct the Assessors to abate the tax mentioned in this article,

And the meeting was dissolved,

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

April 4th 1844. The Town having met on adjournment from the Annual March Muting held on the 25th day of March last, Pursuant to adjournment, the following further proceedings were hade, to wit:—

Voted to take up the eighth article and acte thereon, —

Art. 8th. The town voted to pay the Sexton, for Digging and filling grave — ringing the Bell — and attending the funeral with his horse and the Town's Hearse, one dollar and seventy five cents for each, it is also understood the friends of the Deceased pay the Sexton one dollar more, —

Art. 9th. Voted to pass over this article, — . — . — . —

The town put up the collection of taxes for the ensuing year to the lowest bidder, and the collection was struck off at six eighths of a cent on the dollar to James H. Cheney.

Art 3rd. By Ballot Chose James H. Cheney. collector of taxes the ensuing year. — . — . —

Art. 10th voted to collect all Poll Taxes within sixty days after the tax bill is delivered into the hands of the collector, and that the remainder of all taxes be collected by the first day of January next.

Art. 12th. Voted to pass over this article, — — — —

Art. 16th. Voted to cause their Hearse to be placed upon runners. — — — — — —

voted to have a Committee of three to carry this article into effect. — .

By vote chose. Oliver M. Brigham
Philip Wing
Samuel Hall } Committee.

Art. 17th voted to choose a Committee of three to attend to this article, —

By vote Chose Austin Holbrook
Oliver M. Brigham
Samuel Allen. } Committee

voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to make a report on the division of the School money, under the 4th Article of the Warrant. —

And adjourned to April 8th at 3. o'clock P. M.

Attest — — — Charles Prentiss T. Clerk

We the Selectmen of Grafton hereby appoint the following named persons to be Measurers of wood the present year.

E. B. Bigelow, Samuel F. Redding, Augustus Slocomb, Isaac L Brown, Elisha M. Smith, Charles B. Jenks, Lewis H. Bigelow, Gilbert C. Taft, Samuel Houghton, Avery Davis, Frederick Waterman. — Sworn September 21. 1844 – by L. B. Printice

Sworn January 10th. 1845. by C. Printice T. Clerk,

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Whitlock
Samuel Houghton
Charles Aldrich
Rufus C Warren

Selectmen of Grafton,

A true Copy
Attest

Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. — — Greeting, —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the eighth day of April Next at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz: — — — —

1st To Choose a Moderator. — —

2nd. To see if the Town will procure two fire Engines with suction hose, one to be located at Grafton Center and the other at New England Village, for the use of the Town, or act thereon. — — — — —

And you are directed to serve This Warrant by posting up an attested copy There of at each of the Public Meting-houses in the center of said town and at the Meting-house in New England Village.

to stand two sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting, — . — . — . — . — .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid, — . — . — . — .

Given under our hands and seals, this twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four. —

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Whitcomb
Samuel Houghton
Rufus E. Warren
} Select men of Grafton.

Worcester, ss. April 1. 1844.

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said town of Grafton, pursuant to the within directions,

Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton,

A true copy of warrant and return thereon,
Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the eighth day of April A.D. 1844. the following proceedings were had, To wit: — . — . — . — . — .

Art. 1st. By Ballot, chose Luke Leland Moderator,

Art. 2nd. The Town voted to pass over this article, yeas 149. Nays 54.
And the meeting was by vote dissolved,
Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

April 8th. 1844. The town having met pursuant to adjournment of the annual March Meeting from the first inst. the following further proceedings were had, to wit:-
voted to take up the 18th article and act thereon, —

Art. 18th. voted to procure a Stove and funnel for the Town Hall, and voted to choose a committee of three to carry this vote into effect. —
By vote chose, Noah Kimball, Philip Wing, and Nathan Hancock, for said Committee.

Voted the same Committee be authorized to procure for lighting said Town Hall. — . — . — . — . — .

Voted to take up the fourth article and act thereon,

Art. 4th voted to accept the report made by the Select men on guide posts and boards, which is in the words following. — . — .

Annual Report of the Selectmen on the maintainance of guide posts and boards in the town of Grafton for the year 1843. — — — —

The undersigned Selectmen of the town of Grafton beg leave to submit their report of all the places in which guide posts are erected and maintained within the town, and all the places which in the opinion of the Selectmen they ought to be maintained, as follows, — — — — — —

At the corner of the roads near the House of Calvin W. Forbush, at the corner on the common near the house of the late Jon.ª Wheler Esq. at the corner near the house of Saml. Allen Esq. at the fork of the Millbury and Sutton roads near the house of Robert Prentice, at the corner of the Sutton and Uxbridge roads, South of the house of Robert Prentice, at the corner near the house of Joseph Brum Esq. at the corner near Jon.ª Sibley, at the corner near the house of the late Thaddeus Read, at the corner near the last mentioned house, and the house lately occupied by Uriah Brown at the corner, between the houses of Joseph Brum and Henry D. Howard, at the corner at the corner near the Indian Burial, at the corner near the Meting-house in Farnumville, at the corner on the road to Northbridge near the house of the late Timothy Gleason, at each of the corners of the roads, between the Cotton Mill in Farnum's Ville and the house of Austin Holbrook, at the corner near the house of Esek Saunders, at the corner near the house of Jason Putnam, at each of the corners, between the Burial ground and the house of Samuel Dispeau, — at the corner near the Tavern house in N. E. village, at the corner of the Providence and Leesboro' roads. a short distance west of the last mentioned place, at the corner near the house of the late Asa Waters, at the fork of the roads near the hay scales in N. E. — Village, at each of the corners near the house of Jon.ª R. Putnam, at the corner near the house of Farrant Merriam, at the corner near the House of Solomon E. Goulding, at the corner near the house of Asahel Fairbanks,

All which is respectfully submitted.

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Wheelock
Samuel Houghton
Charles Aldrich — —
Rufus E. Warren

} Selectmen of Grafton,

Art. 4th, voted to authorize the Select men to put up a guide Board and post, at the fork of the road a little beyond the house of Tarrant Merriam's. also a guide post and board at the corner, near the house of Charles Fay, also at the fork of the road near the house of the late Elijah Brooks,

The Committee chosen at a former meeting under the second article in the warrant, read the Opinion of Wm M. Barton et at, respecting the town's not being liable to take the Engines of Messrs Wm Hunneman & Co. — voted the Committee be instructed to Manage and settle with Messrs Hunneman & Co. as they shall think it best to do.

Art. 17th. The committee chosen on this article, made their report, and think the town is not liable for any damages claimed by Abraham G Randall Esq.

voted to take up the thirteenth article and act thereon,

Art. 13th. voted to allow Jasony Morse's account for breaking out roads Feby 28th and March 5th $4.00

And by vote this meeting was adjourned to Monday 29th inst. at 4. o'Clock P.M. —

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the 29th inst, at 3. o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz:-

1st. To choose a moderator, — . — , — , — .

2nd. To see if the town will accept the road laid out by the Select men, on Petition of Leonard Wheelock and others,

3rd. To see if the town will take from School District number two, Benjamin Heywood, Robert Lathe, and such others as they shall think proper, and annex them to School District Number ten, or act thereon, — . — . — . —

4th. To see if the Town will take Otis Converse, Robert Prentice, and Henry D. Howard and such others as they shall think proper from School District Number one, and number six, and annex them to School District, number two, or act thereon.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy Thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Centre of said Town, also at the Meeting-house in New England village to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting, —. —.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town on or before the hour of said meeting. —.

Given under our hands and seals this eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four, —. —. —

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Wheelock
Charles Aldrich
Rufus E. Warren
} Select-men of Grafton,

Worcester, ss.

April 22nd. 1844. —.

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the town of Grafton, pursuant to the within directions. —. —. —. —. —

Charles Prentice, Constable,

A true Copy of warrant and the return made thereon, —. —

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

5th. To determine and fix the boundaries and limits, that should be necessary provided that, any action should be had by the Town on the Two preceding Articles. — This article ought to have been entered above, and after the fourth article it was passed over through mistake. —.

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on the 29th. day of April A.D. 1844. The following proceedings were had; viz:

Art. 1st. By Ballot. Chose Joseph Bruce, Moderator, .—.—

Art. 2d. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen in laying out the road mentioned in this article, which is in the words and figures following, to wit: ———

The Selectmen of Grafton would submit the following report to the Town. That upon the Petition of Leonard Wheelock and others they did (after giving notice as the law directs to the persons interested) on Thursday the eighteenth day of April current proceed to view and layout a town road on land of Gabriel F. Wheeler for the convenience of the said Wheelock and others, as follows, viz: Beginning at Stake and Stones, on the south side of the County road leading from Grafton to Worcester, and near the Wheeler Bridge (so called) running South 53° deg. West, 16 rods to Stake and Stones, Thence South 65° deg. West 13 rods to Stake and Stones, being the termination of said road, said admeasurement and bounds being on the north side of the road, The above road is laid out Two rods wide and Twenty nine rods in length. —

The said Gabriel F. Wheeler claiming no damage in consequence of laying out said road, provided a dry Bridge be built across said road for his convenience in watering Cattle near the County road, said Bridge to be made four feet wide and five feet high, The Selectmen have awarded that the Town build a bridge according to the above dimentions across said road for the convenience of said Wheeler; the said Leonard Wheelock agreeing and obligating himself to make said road to the acceptance of the Town and without any expense to the Towns, ———

All which is respectfully submitted
Grafton April 18th 1844. ——.

Lewis Holbrook
Charles Aldrick
Rufus E. Warren
} Selectmen of Grafton

A true Copy
Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Art. 3d. voted to refer this article to a committe, . —
voted to choose a committe of five. by hand vote, —

By vote chose. Samuel Wood. } said committe, —
Lewis Holbrook. }
Oliver M. Brigham. }
Charles Brigham jr. }
Otis Adams. }

Art. 4th. voted to refer this article to the above committe, . —.

Art. 5th. voted to refer this article to the above same committe, —
And the meting was adjourned for four weeks
to May 27th at 4. o' clock. P. M. — — — — — —

Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

April 29th 1844. The Town having met pursuant to adjour=
nment of the annual March meting from the eighth
instant, the following further proceedings were had, viz:—

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to erect a guide post
and board at the four corners of the roads near the
House of Revd. Otis Converse. —
And the meting was adjourned by vote to Monday
May 27th at 5. o' clock P. M. —

Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

May 27th 1844. the Town having met at 4. o clock
pursuant to adjournment from the 29th day of April
last, the following further proceedings were had, to wit:—
Art. 3d. voted to accept the report of the Committee
chosen on this article which is in the words
and figures to wit: — : — —
The Committe chosen for the purpose of hearing the views of
persons in different School Districts, for the purpose of altering or
Making a new school District, met the Petitioners and others at the
house of Mr. Hands Whitneys, your Committe after hearing the diffe=
rent suggestions made by the parties interested, were unanimous in
their opinion, that any alteration made by your committe —
would not be satisfactory to all concerned, therefore there is
no alteration made by us. Per order of the Committee,
Samuel Woods, Chairman.
And the meting was dissolved. —
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

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Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, —

Greeting, —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday 27 Inst. at half past four o' clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz: ——

1st. To choose a Moderator, — — . — , — . .

2nd. To see if the Town will take Robert Lathe, John Phillips, Benjamin Heywood, Abial W. Paine and such others as the Town may think proper from School District No. 2. and annex them to School District No. 10. —

3rd To see if the Town will take Otis Converse, O. M. Brigham and such others as the Town shall think proper from School District No. 1 & No. 7. and annex them to School District No 2. —

4th To define the limits and fix the boundaries of the School Districts which may be necessary provided any action of the Town shall be had, on the preceding Articles. . — . —

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Meeting-houses in the centre of said Town, also at the Meeting-house at N. E. Village to stand over two Sabaths at least before the time of holding said meeting. —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Town on or before the hour of said Meeting

Given under our hands and seals this Sixteenth day of May in the year of our Lord, one Thousand eight Hundred and forty four.

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Whitlock
Charles Aldrich
Rufus E. Warren
} Select-men of Grafton

Worcester ss. May 21st. 1844.
I have served this warrant, by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Town of Grafton, pursuant to the within directions.
Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton

A True Copy Attest Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the 27th day of May A.D. 1844. the following proceedings were had; to wit:—

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Joseph Bruce, Moderator,

Art. 2nd voted to choose a Committee of five to take the subject of this article into consideration, . — . — . —

By vote chose { Otis Adams, Philip Wing, Luke Leland, E. B. Bigelow, Mowry Farnum. } said Committee

Art. 3rd. voted the same Committee be authorised to make and establish the boundaries &c. if any action be had by the Town on this article, . — . — . — . —

And the Meeting was adjourned to Monday June 10th at half past 4. o'clock P. M. . —

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, . — .

May 27th 1844. The Town having met at 5. o'clock P.M. pursuant to adjournment of the Annual March Meeting from the 29th day of April last, the following further proceedings were had; to wit: . — . — . —

Took up and acted on the sixth article,

Art. 6th voted to Make the Highway Surveyors Collectors of Highway taxes the ensuing year. — .

Took up the 13th Article.

Art. 13th. voted to accept Benjamen Kingsbury's account for breaking out roads with Olivor M. Brigham's account in the sum of $2.00. — . — . $7.40

And the Meeting was dissolved,

Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

June 10th 1844. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 27th day of May last, the following further proceedings were had to wit:—

Acted on the first Article viz:—

Art. 1st By Ballot chose Edward B. Bigelow Moderator Protem,

Voted to accept the report of the Committee which is in the words following. viz:—

The Committee appointed by the Town to act on the Petition of Otis Converse, Oliver M. Brigham and others in regard to making some alterations in School District No. 2. have attended to that duty and report that in their opinion the Prayer of the Petitioners should not be granted.

Philip Loring
Luke Leland
Edw B. Bigelow
Mowry Thurnum

And the Meeting Dissolved,

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

To the Town Clerk of the town of Grafton, we the undersigned, Assessors of said Town, agreeable to the law of this Commonwealth, have enrolled the following persons in the Militia of said town whose names are inserted below; viz:—

Daniel Newton, Maurice Reardon, Joseph M. Bassett, Rufus Howe, Salsbury Sprague, Amaicah Bayley, Charles T. Fay, Charles H. Fay, William Boyden, Thomas Heath Isaac S. Harrington Andrew Gates, Albert G. Cobb, William H. Thomson, Leander W. Greenwood, John Putnam Jr. Jasper W. Putnam Willard Bellows, Edward Bathrick, Edward Brigham, Henry P. Whitney, Augustus Johnson, George W. Smith Samuel A. Knox, Joseph P. Leland, Loring Leonard, Flint Howe, Charles Burr, Samuel Chase, Robert Prentice John G. Phillips, Joshua Spear Jr. Benjamin Watson, Joseph A. Stow, John McCrillis, John Redding, Jethro Burgin Robert McCrillis, Joseph C. McCrillis, Alfred Williams, Lyman Austin, Charles Goddard, Levi White, Isaac L. Brown, Elisha M. Smith, John Davis 2nd. Benjamin Robbins, William Fay. Horace Daniels, Lewis Holbrook Lewis Daniels, Henry Daniels, William A. Ford W. Ebenezer R. Dodge, Andrew J. Phillips, Cromwell Lathe, Leonard Brown, Jonathan B. Sibley, Ira Davis F.—

David F. Eames, Frederick Waterman, George W. Currier, Charles Demond
Richard Cunningham, Thomas J. Drury, Henry B. Leach, George Dunn,
Henry G. Prentice, Calvin Prentice, William Eames, Royal A. Keith,
George Elliot, Charles Jones, Jonathan S. Fisk, William A. Fisk, Henry
R. Keith, Mendal Mowry, George W. Thurston, Asa Darling,
Samuel S. Coburn, Jonathan Hodgeney, James Georton, Edwin
Martin, Elliot E. Jourdan, Willard Woodcock, William Jourdan,
Manton Fuller, Johny Williams, Samuel Williams, James
Inman, Levi N. Leland, Nathaniel Smith, Moses C.
Hayden, Charles C. Forbush, Joel Foss, Calvin S. Thurston,
Lawson Munyan, Jonathan V. Thurston, Simeon Fay, Curtis
Forbush, Dennis Eames, Frederick S. Williams, Silas A. Forbush,
Jonathan Chester, John P. Hayden, George R Bishop, William
Parr, Freeman B. Moore, Jonathan W. Stowe, John B.
Carman, Alfred B. Halbert, Henry W. Pierce, Bradford Chase,
Cyrus N. French, Franklin Sinclear, Daniel L. Emerson,
James Hovey, Peter Hunt, Alonzo Booth, Jeremiah Flagg,
Horatio Fisk, William Morse, Homer Pierce, Thomas Graffam,
Lewis Churchill, Edmond F. Wheeler, Elbridge Sinclear, Samuel B.
Dolliver, Daniel S. C. Charles Prentice Jr. Samuel G. Goddard,
Nathaniel G. Whitney, Jonathan R. Putnam, John G. Phillips,
Samuel Clough, Andrew Wheeler, Elbridge G. Harrington, Dennis
Bellows, Daniel R. White, James Gary, George Hodgerney,
Charles Putnam, Charles Mazzy, Leonard S. Wheelock, Daniel G.
Fairbanks, William Gates, Peter Curtis, Ezra Cooper, Albert
A. Paine, Ezra K. Pratt, Franklin Bigelow, Leander G.
Wheelock, Lewis Bigelow, William Blanden, William
R. Wheelock, Sylvester Smith, Chandler M. Pratt, William
B. Pratt, Asa H. Smith, Samuel A. Knox, Dexter B. Wingate,
Daniel Chase, Samuel M. Brown, H. H. Conner, Robert
D. Chase, Albert Sweet, Edwin Moore, James D. Hosden,
William Pierce, Silas H. Fairbanks, Lewis M Smith,
George W. Bartlett, George D. Bridgewater, Samuel Gates,
Jerekens Barnum, Joseph Wales, Henry T. Haskell,
Albert Drake, Robert Stewartson, Jeremiah J. Goodrich,
Noah S. Goodrich, Elisha B. Thomas, Adolphus S. Goodrich
Thomas R. Gary, Benjamin C. Paine, Otis Aldrich, Howard
Sargent, Prentice Sargent, James S. Penkham, Oren
E. Davis, Harrison Davis, Edward Smith, James Gary
Nathaniel W. Batchelder, George W. Penock, Daniel Webster,
Daniel Young, Francis Young, Elbridge Mears Martin R.
Hanting, George Smith, Hatboor Hatborson, Thomas Easton,
James Payne, William Easton, Henry Johnson, Jonas
Grant, James Easton, Richard Smith, Amos Hawkins,
Nathaniel F. Skinner, John Bridges, John Stewartson,
Oren Smith M. Merrill Spring, William H. Aldrich
Benjamin Jewett, Lucius Smith, Silas Stone, Charles
F. Leland, Henry F. Gifford, Benjamin F. Green,
Henry A. Green, Frederick Elliott, Robert D. Chase,

Asa Smith, Isaac J. Gibson, William Gifford, Oliver Stone, Joseph Dolliver, Stephen Cutler, Joseph H. Whitney, — Emory A. Taft, John B. Smith, Edward W. Green, Warren Brigham, Joseph B. Flagg, Ebenezer Huskins, Warren Gay, Charles Thayer, Leonard Nelson, Truman Nelson, — Manson S. Harrington, Nathan S. Harrington, George S. Hubbard, William A. Dispeau, George Walker, — Elphonzo. Barrus, Henry Fairbanks, Dexter Hathaway Charles Hathaway, Charles C. Green, Henry Wesson Reuben M. Witherby, Thomas D. Witherby. Curtis Maynard, Joseph Willard, Charles Aldrich. Chandler Knowlton Seth Jones Axtell, Samuel F. Stone, James J. Clark John V. Leland, Charles H. Knowlton, Elijah Brooks, Hendrick Hunt, Nehemiah Knapp, John E. Brooks, — William J. Barker, John Harrington, David Chase, Asahel Fairbanks, Martin Howe, Bucklin Adams. Harrison Clifton, Wells Carpenter, Ebenezer Lincoln, Dwight Mann, Jonas Munroe, Benjamin W. Fay, Samuel C. Bennett, Hollis Chamberlain, Charles Chamberlain, David Chamberlain, John C. Bennett. Edward Carpenter, Harvey J. Pratt, Uriah Secarles, Adolphus Howe, George Howe, Ephraim L. Goulding, Solomon C. Goulding, Chandler Knowlton, Jonathan Butterfield, Ruel F. Davis, John M. Davenport, James G. Putnam, James H. Munroe, William Holbrook, Nathaniel O. Chaffee, Willard S. Woods, Cyrus Dalrimple, — Elijah L. Case, Samuel F. Prentice, John Little, — Joseph Dennis, George W. Southworth Joseph C. Brue, — Jonathan D. Wheeler, William Eager, Winthrop Faulkner, Charles C. Aldrich, John Whitney, Joseph Warren, Edmond G. Gilmonde, Carlton Malinda, William P. Allen, Charles O. Foster, Luke F. Allen, Luther Stow, George W. Fairbanks, Lewis W. Dodge, Daniel W. Scott, Nathan G. Lyman, Jefferson Wheelock, Jeremiah S. Holmes, — Otis Frissell, John Waterman, Absalom Hastings, — Henry D. Tillotson, Elisha W. Hinds Augustus Goodnow, Jonathan C. Warren, Samuel W. Flagg, Manson G. Hinds, Peter F. Wheeler, Fisher A. Bosworth, George W. Hale. — John Davis 1st. Levi C. Haywoode, Curtis Greenwoods, Thaddeus F. Gay, William W. Ayres, Haskell D.C. Bigelow, James M. Kimball, William McCorney, Henry A. Ball, — Nathaniel Munroe, Francis Goddard, Daniel G. Prentice, Lysander Pratt, James H. Cheney, Otis N. Pond, — John M. Hubbard, Samuel D. Hubbard, Joshua G. Clark, Lewis King, Mowry Smith, George B. Raymond — Samuel D. Hager, Solomon S. Bigelow, Silas Vinton, Willard Greenwood, Cyrus Winn, John Stiles Samuel G. Congdon, Samuel Terrill, Silas A. Pierce, Francis Mc. Intire, Merrill Greenwood Franus Goddard,

Healy Baker, Charles A. Pierce, Augustus S. Haywood, Charles A. Dunsmore, Salmon D. Hall, Minot Amsden, Artemas D. Baker, George Amsden, Augustus Slocomb, George Slocomb, Harvey J. Whitney, Caleb Woodward, Jonas B. West, George W. Hastings, Charles Jackson, Lewis Griggs, Charles A. S. Temple, Thompson Kimberly Jr, William A. Crafts, Abel D. Haws, John Bigelow, Charles H. Jackson, Francis Winn, Lewis E. Randall, Andrew H. White, Moses C. Woodbury, William C. Stockwell, Calvin Wesson, Amos Bennett, Calvin W. Forbush, John Davis, Isaac Porter, John Rice, Javis Flagg, George H. Whitney, George Webster, Noah Fletcher, Clement Bliss, David White Jr, John B. White, Augustus Salsbury, Anson Bangs, William Carter, Charles C. L. Wheeler, Henry F. Wing, Charles I. Warren, Hammond Powell, Samuel Jones, Jonathan H. Woods, James L. Bliss, Leander S. Pratt, Oren Gadmun, Joshua Congdon, George B. Abbott, Josiah Hall, Josiah G. Hall, Charles Hager, Jefferson Bellows, Frederick Whitney, Willard Clapp, Harrison Winter, Horace Batchelder, Mark J. Batchelder, Joel Houghton, Luke Leland Jr, Mowry Farnum, Jesse Farnum, Jonas B. Brigham, Charles H. Towne, Robert Prentice, Lewis R. Backer, Jedediah D. Taylor, Aaron L. Howard, Ira Prentice, Tarrant Sherman, Harvin T. Eddy, Isaac M. Ruggles, Jewel C. Hodge, William N. Fowler, Charles Fisher, Lorin Davis, Asa N. Eddy, Moses F. Morse, David Phillipsau, George S. Case, Luke Knox, Leonard A. Buxton, Isaac Redding, George W. Crumb, George W. Crumb Jr, Smith S. Chase, Charles M. Davis, Cyrus Perry William S. Perry, Shepherd Cooper, Amos Johnson, Constant R. Davis, William Place, Benjamin L. Phillips, John B. Rice, Jacob Spring, G. C. Safford, Horace P. Dunham, Benjamin D. Peck, George Kimpton, Bezaleel Whitt, George Ward, Jonathan C. Nichols, Augustus D. Clark, Charles I. Stephens, Walter Forehand, Thomas Baker.

Grafton May 27th. 1844. -

Charles Brigham Jr. }
Otis Converse. } Assessors of Grafton,

Whole Number 483.

A Copy. -
Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton

Greeting, —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the twenty sixth day of August inst. at Three O'Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles; viz: — — — — —

First. To choose a Moderator, — — — — —

Second. To see if the Town will accept two roads as laid out by the Selectmen, across the Common as petitioned for by Samuel Allen and others. —

Third, To see if the Town will cause the roads and Dry Bridges to to be made as laid out by the Selectmen and accepted by the Town, near the house of Leonard Wheelock,

Fourth, To see if the Town will receive the fire Engines alledged to have been purchased by a Committee chosen March 11th. 1844. or act thereon, — —

Fifth To see if the Town will authorize the Committee Chosen by the Town March 25th 1844. to defend a lawsuits, which has been brought against the Town by Wm C. Hunnimans & Co. of Roxbury for the sum of nineteen hundred seventy four dollars, and Costs, or see what measures the town will adopt in relation to said suits. —

Sixth. To accept Town debts. — — —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Muting houses in the Center of the town and at New England Village to stand over two Sundays, — .

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Town at the hour of said Muting, —

Given under our hands and seals this fifteenth day of August A.D. 1844.

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Wheelock
Samuel Houghton
Charles Aldrich
Rufus E. Warren,

} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss, August 26th 1844.

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Muting houses in the Town of Grafton pursuant to the within directions

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton.

A true Copy
Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town House in said town on Monday the 26th day of August A.D. 1844. the following proceedings were had; to wit:—

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Lewis Holbrook, Moderator —,

Art. 2d. Voted to accept the two roads as laid by the Selectmen across the Common which is in the following words and figures. — .

Grafton August 17th. 1844.

The Selectmen of the Town would submit the following Report; viz.: —

On being requested by the Petition of Sam.l Allen and others they did proceed (after having given public Notice of their intention to the Citizens of the Town) to examine and lay out June 19th. 1844. two roads across the Common, . . — .

First Road - Beginning at a stake in the grounds on the west side of the road, passing over the east side of the Common, in a direction from the Northwest Corner of Lovel Bakers Public House, S. 84. W. $3\frac{19}{40}$ rods, from thence running parallel with, and ten feet from, the Northeasterly part of the fence recently built on said Common, North 37° 20' West, 8 rods to a stake on the south side of the County road passing over the north part of said Common, The boundaries of the above road being on the Southwest side of the road, and is laid out two rods wide and contains about twelve rods of ground.

Second road - Beginning at a stake in the grounds on the easterly side of the County road leading over the westerly part of said Common, in a direction from the Arcade Building (so called) North 60° 45' East, $4\frac{13}{40}$ rods from thence, North 32° 45' East $7\frac{12}{20}$ rods, running parallel with, and ten feet from, the Northwesterly line of the fence on said Common, to the South side of the afore-mentioned County road, passing over the North part of said Common, . — . — . —

The boundaries of this road being on the Southeasterly side of the Road, and is laid out two rod wide and contains about eleven rods of land. —

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Wheelock
Charles Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest.

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Art. 3d. Voted the Selectmen be a Committee to cause the Dry Bridge named in this Article to be made and see that the road is made is made as was agreed, on the acceptance of said roads, . —

Voted. the Selectmen be a Committee to cause the two roads laid out across the Common to be made, —

Art. 4th. The Town voted to reject the Engines named in this article, . — .

Art. 5th. The Town voted to instruct and authorise the Committee chosen March 25th 1844. viz: Charles Brigham. Samuel Wood and Ezek Saunders, to defend the law suit brought against the Town of Grafton by William C. Hanneman & Co. —.

Art. 6th voted to pass over this article. —
and by vote the meeting was dissolved,
Attest.
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk . —

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town
[L.S.] of Grafton in the County of Worcester,
[L.S.] Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachu-
[L.S.] setts, you are required to notify and warn the
[L.S.] Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to
[L.S.] vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at
[L.S.] the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the eleventh day of November next, at nine o' clock in the forenoon, being the second Monday of said Month, To bring in their votes to the Select-men for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators on one Ballot for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing, Also at the same time and place to give in their votes for Electors of President and Vice Presidents of the United States, — also to bring in their votes for Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for District No. five, Also to bring in their votes for Representative to represent said Town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next, The Polls will be opened at half past nine o' clock A. M. for the reception of votes for the above named Officers,

And you are required to notify the Inhabitants above named to meet on said day and at the place above named at three o' clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

1st. To Choose a Moderator of said Meeting. —
2d. To hear the report of outstanding Committees and acts thereon, —
3d To accept Town Debts, —
4th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to Borrow Money to meet the demands upon the Treasurer or act thereon, —
5th To see if the town will determine what use shall be made of the Town Hall or act thereon, —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Centre of said Town also at the Meeting-house in New England Village to stand up Two Sabbaths at least before the time of holding said Meeting. —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the hour of said Meeting. —

Given under our hands and Seals this twenty-sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four. —

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Wheelock
Samuel Houghton
Charles Aldrich
Rufus E. Warren
} Select-men of Grafton

A Correct Copy
Attest,
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Worcester. ss.

November 11th 1844. — I have served this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-Houses in the Town of Grafton pursuant to the within directions. —

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton

A Correct Copy
Attest.
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Town on the eleventh day of November being the second Monday of said Month A. D. 1844. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators, Also for Electors of Presidents, and Vice President, of the United States, Also for Representative of the Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for District number five, Also for Representative to represent said Town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next, —

The whole number of Ballots given in for Governor, was five hundred and forty.

For Governor { George N. Briggs. had Two hundred ninety five votes,
George Bancroft, " one hundred ninety two votes,
Samuel E. Sewall " fifty three votes, —.

The whole number of Ballots given in for Lieutenant Governor was five hundred forty one. — . —

For Lieutenant Governor { John Reed. had Two hundred ninety five votes,
Henry H. Childs. " one hundred ninety two votes,
William Jackson " fifty four votes, —,

The whole number of Ballots given in for Senators was. Five hundred forty.

Levi Lincoln. had Two hundred ninety five votes, —
Linus Child " Two hundred ninety five votes,
Dan Hill " Two hundred ninety five votes,
John G. Thurston " Two hundred ninety five votes,
Joseph Stone " Two hundred ninety five votes,
Walter A. Bryant " One hundred ninety two votes,
Hilburn Harwood " one hundred ninety two votes,
Adam Harrington " one hundred ninety two votes,
Jared Benson " one hundred ninety two votes,
Amasa Walker " one hundred ninety two votes,
James G. Carter " Fifty three votes,
Otis Brigham " Fifty three votes,
Gilman Jones " Fifty three votes,
Elihu Burritt " Fifty three votes,
Phineas Bemis " Fifty three votes,

Presidential Electors, at Large,

Whole Number of Ballots was Five hundred and eight.

Abbott Lawrence. Two hundred seventy votes,
Lewis Strong Two hundred seventy votes,
Gayton P. Osgood One hundred seventy five votes,
Samuel C. Allen One hundred seventy five votes,
Joel Hayden Sixty three votes,
John G. Whittier Sixty three votes,

District. Whig. Tickets,

No.1. Nathan Appleton, Two hundred seventy votes,
" 2. John S. Allen, Two hundred seventy votes,
" 3. Homer Bartlett, Two hundred seventy votes,
" 4. Abraham R. Thompson, Two hundred seventy votes,
" 5. Charles Allen, Two hundred seventy votes,
" 6. William B. Calhoun, Two hundred seventy votes,
" 7. Chauncey B. Rising, Two hundred seventy votes,
" 8. Elijah Vose, Two hundred seventy votes,
" 9. William Baylies, Two hundred seventy votes,
" 10. Seth Crowell, Two hundred seventy votes,

District. Democratic Tickets,

No.1. Charles G. Green, one hundred seventy five votes,
" 2. Ebenr H. Stacey. one hundred seventy five votes,
" 3. Hiram Plummer, one hundred seventy five votes,
" 4. Chas, Thompson. one hundred seventy five votes,
" 5. J. S. C. Knowlton. one hundred seventy five votes,
" 6. H. G. Newcomb. one hundred seventy five votes,
" 7. Orrin Sage. one hundred seventy five votes,
" 8. Artemas Browne. one hundred seventy five votes,
" 9. Peter H. Pierce. one hundred seventy five votes,
" 10. John H. Shaw. one hundred seventy five votes,

District. Liberty Tickets,

No.1. Timothy Gilbert. Sixty three votes,
" 2. Nathan D. Chase, Sixty three votes,
" 3. Willard Brown, Sixty three votes,
" 4. John Fletcher, Sixty three votes,
" 5. Phineas Crandall, Sixty three votes,
" 6. John Dickenson, Sixty three votes,
" 7. Edward Lasell, Sixty three votes,
" 8. Jesse Wheaton, Sixty three votes,
" 9. Laban M. Wheaton, Sixty three votes,
" 10. Gilbert Richmond. Sixty three votes,

For Representative in Congress. whole no. Ballots, five hundred thirty three,
Charles Hudson. had Two hundred ninety four votes,
Isaac Davis, " one hundred eighty six votes,
Rodolphus B. Hubbard " Fifty three votes,

The whole Number of Ballots given in for a Representative to represent said Town in the next General Court to be holden at Boston on the first wednesday of January next, was five hundred thirty seven. ——.——.

Jonathan Warren,	had	Two hundred sixty one	votes,
Silas Forbush,	"	one hundred eighty four	votes,
Holland Greenwood	"	fifty eight	votes, —.
Otis Converse	"	Twenty four	votes, —.
Benjamin Kingsbury	"	Three	votes. —
Benjamin D. Fleck	"	Two	votes. —
Clever M. Brigham	"	Two	votes. —
Charles Aldrich	"	One	vote, —
Frederick Waterman	"	one	vote, —
Timothy Merriam	"	one	vote, —

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall on the same eleventh day of November at three o'clock P. M. the following proceedings were had; to wit:—

Art. 1st By Ballot chose Luke Leland Moderator,

Art. 2d Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to furnish Stove and lights for the Town Hall,
Also the Committees report for building a Dry Bridge near the house of Leonard Wheelock. ——.
Also the Committee report for Making the roads across the Common. ——.——.

Art. 3d Voted to accept the following Town debts,

Lewis Holbrook's act. for making two pieces of road across Grafton Common. —.	45.00
N. Hancock & Son, act. for 1 water Pot .	.84
Otis Converse act. for Making Taxes &c .	32.50
Charles Brigham Jr act. for Making Taxes &c .	36.41
Noah Kimball's act for Lamps. Stove &c for Town Hall. —.	45.60
Leonard Wheelock's for building Dry Bridge	25.00
E. B. Bigelow act for expenses and in purchasing two fire Engines. — . —	7.25
Charles B Jenks act for expenses and in purchasing two fire Engines. —	7.25
Samuel Houghton act for Making Taxes and Stationary. — — . — .	16.00

Voted to accept Joseph H. Whitney's acct for building wall in New England Village. — 3.00

Voted to reconsider the vote passed to accept Charles B. Jenks account. —

Also voted to reconsider the vote passed to accept E. B. Bigelow. accounts, —

Art. 4th Voted to authorize their Treasurer to Borrow a sum of money not exceeding one Thousand dollars to meet the demands on the Treasurer on a time not exceeding six months. —

Art. 5th. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to let the Town Hall for pay or otherwise, Also voted that the Lyceum may be held in said Hall by finding Lights and fuel. free of any expense. —

Voted to dissolve this Meeting,

Attest.

Charles Prentice Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the of the Town of Grafton. —

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town-hall on Monday the twenty fifth day of November current at one o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent said town in the next General Court to be holden at Boston on the first wednesday of January next; —

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the center of said town, Also at the Meeting-house in New England Village to stand up over two Sabbaths at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Select-Men at the time of holding said Meeting. —

Over —

Given under our hands and Seals this fourteenth day of November A.D. 1844. — . — — —

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Wheelock
Samuel Houghton
Charles Aldrich
Rufus E. Warren
} Select-men of Grafton,

Worcester, ss.

November 25th 1844. —

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Town of Grafton pursuant to the within directions,

Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton, —

A Correct Copy.
Attest.

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. —

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections, holden on the twenty fifth day of November being the fourth Monday of said month — A.D. 1844. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next,

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chap. 4. Sec. 13) by counting the number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was. Three hundred eleven. —

And the whole Number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed, and were for the following persons. —

Jonathan Warren had Two hundred thirteen votes, and is Chosen.
Silas Forbush. had Fifty nine votes. —
Holland Greenwood " Thirty four votes,
Joseph Batchelder " Two votes. ——
Charles Aldrich — " One vote, —
Otis Converse. — " One vote, —
J. W. Leland. — " One vote, —

And the Meeting was dissolved,
Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk. —

Worcester, ss.

[L.S.] To either of the Constables of the Town
[L.S.] of Grafton, Greeting,
[L.S.] In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
[L.S.] you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of
[L.S.] said Town, qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs,
to meet at the Town-hall in said Town on Monday the twenty-
third day of December inst. at one o'clock P.M. to act
on the following articles; Viz:

1st. To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to the next Congress to serve two years from the fourth day of March 1845. Polls will be open for the reception of Votes for the above named Officer at half past one o'clock P.M.

2nd. To Choose a Moderator,

3d. To see if the town will choose an addition to their Committee, Chosen on the 25th. of March last, to act for the Town in relation to Fire Engines.

4th. To see if the town will remunerate the Board of Selectmen for 1843. for the expenses incurred by them by in defending a law suit brot. against them by Joshua Hurtleff.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Center of said town, also at the Meeting-House at New England village to stand up two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the hour of said Meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this ninth day of December, A. D. 1844.

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Whitlock
Samuel Houghton
Charles Aldrich
Rufus E. Warren,
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, ss.

Grafton December 23d. 1844.

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said town pursuant to the within directions. — Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton.

A Correct Copy.
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs holden at the Town-hall in said Grafton on the twenty Third day of December being the fourth Monday of said month A.D. 1844. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United State, for District Number five,

The whole number of Ballots was; Two hundred ninety eight and the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by Law is directed — And were for the following persons: —

Charles Hudson, had one hundred ninety seven votes, —
Isaac Davis, had Sixty nine votes, — . — . — . —
Rodolphus B. Hubbard, had. Thirty two votes, — . —

Attest.

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

Art 2nd. By Ballot Chose Joseph Bruce, moderator, — . —

Art. 3rd. Voted to add Jonathan Warren to their Committee chosen 25th of March last to act for the town in relation to Fire Engines, — . — . — . —

Art. 4th. Voted to remunerate the board of Selectmen for the year 1843, for the expenses incurred in defending a Law suit brought against them by John Shurtleff, — for the following Items; to wit: . — . — . — . —

The Town of Grafton to the Select-men of Grafton for the year 1843. — Dr —

For cash p? expenes by Samuel Houghton to watertown in Nov. 1843. — . — . — . — . — . — .	$1.00
Cash p? for Depositions & expenes of procuring them, — . — . — . — . — .	16.74
Cash p? Washburn & Dewey's fees for continuing Case, . — . — . — . — . — .	9.00
	$26.74

And the meeting was dissolved,

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, — —

L.S. Worcester, ss,

L.S. To either of the Constables of the

L.S. Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester

L.S. Greeting.

L.S. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the third day of March next at nine o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles viz:

1st. To Choose a Moderator,

2d. To Choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing,

3d. To Hear the annual report of the Select Men and other Officers, or outstanding Committees of the town and act thereon,

4th. To see what sums of Money the town will raise for defraying the necessary expenses of the town the Current year and appropriate the same,

5th. To determine the manner of repairing the roads and Bridges within the town the ensuing year

6th. To see if the town will cause one of the Church Bells To be rung at 12. o'clock, M. and 9. o'clock P.M,

7th. To see if the Treasurer shall be Collector of Taxes the ensuing year, and if so determine his compensation and the abatements to be Made on Taxes paid in 30, 60, 90, and 120. days from the time the Tax Bills shall be committed to the Collector,

8th. To see if the town will fix the time within which all taxes shall be paid and determine what Measures be taken with those who neglect to pay within that time,

9th, To see if the town will authorise the prudential Committees of the several School Districts to hire their Teachers the ensuing year

10th. To see if the town will pay the same Charges for Burials the ensuing year, as has been paid the past year or act thereon.

11th To Accept Town Debts,

12th To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer, — . —.

13th. To see if the town will instruct their Selectmen or assessors, to re annex the road between Perley Goddard's and L. S. Pratt's to the limits of the Brigham Hill Highway District, The Polls will be open for the reception of votes at 10 o'clock A.M,

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the centre of said town, also at the Meeting-house at New England's village, to stand up two Sabbaths at least before the time of holding said meeting, — . — . —.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said Meeting, — . —.

Given under our hands and seals this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. — . —.

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Wheelock
Samuel Houghton
Charles Aldrich
Rufus E. Warren,

Select-men of Grafton,

Worcester, ss: February 24th. 1845.

I have served the within warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A Correct Copy of warrant and the return thereon,

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At the annual Meting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the third day of March A.D. 1845. Pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had; to wit: — — — — — — —

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Charles Brigham Jr. Moderator, —

Voted to take up the twelfth article and act thereon,

Art. 12th. For County Treasurer, — — —

Anthony Chase, had Ninety six votes, — — — —

Voted to take up the second Article, — — —

Art. 2nd. voted to have five Select men the ensuing year, — — —

By Ballot Chose.

" " " Lewis Holbrook

" " " Leonard Wheelock

" Excused, Samuel Houghton

" " " Charles Aldrich

" Excused, Rufus C. Warren

" " "

Select-Men for the ensuing Year. —

March 10th. 1845.

Lewis Holbrook, Samuel Houghton and Rufus C. Warren. — come forward and were severally sworn to the faithful & impartial discharge of the duties of their office respecting all Elections and the returns thereof

By Charles Brigham Jr. Just. of Peace

Attst. Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

By Ballot Chose, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, — Sworn March 28. 1845.

Attest. Charles Prentice Town Clerk. By Otis Adams, Justice of Peace.

By Ballot Chose Jonathan Warren, Town Treasurer, Sworn March 10. 1845

By Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Voted to have ~~have~~ three assessors the ensuing year, —

By Ballot Chose Charles Prentice

" " " Lewis Holbrook

" " " Isaac L. Harrington

Sworn March 28. 1845. by Otis Adams Just. Peace Attest C. Prentice T. Clerk. —

Assessors for the ensuing Year

Sworn May 15. 1845. —

Sworn April 7. 1845.

Voted to take up the third Article for the purpose of hearing the report of the General School Committee — —

Art. 3rd. voted to accept the General School Committee's report,

Voted to take up the second article and act thereon,

Art. 2nd By Ballot Chose

Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe

Rev. Edmund B. Willson

Rev. Benjamin D. Peck,

General School Committee for the ensuing Year

voted to take up the third article in the warrant,
Art. 3rd, Voted to have five hundred Copies of the General School
Committees Report printed,
Voted to have two hundred more printed, &c. — —.
Voted the Selectmen be a Committee to have the seven
hundred Copies printed — . — . — . —.

Art. 2nd. Voted to have three Constables the ensuing year —,

By Ballot chose, Charles Prentice } Sworn Mar. 28. 1845. by Otis Adams Just. Peace,
Attest. Charles Prentice Town Clerk.
Constables
Samuel A. Knox } Declined Serving —
Barnabas Newton } Sworn March 8th. 1845.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the tenth inst. at
one o' clock P. M. to meet at this place, — . —

Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, — . — . —

March 10th. 1845. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from from the third day of March current — The following further proceedings were had; to wit: — after reading the proceedings of the last meeting, — . — took up the second article.

Art. 2d. By Ballot Chose Leonard S. Whulock, Constable in place of Samuel A. Knox declined

voted to choose two Selectmen, both on one Ballot, to supply the places of Leonard Whulock and Charles Aldrich who declined serving,

By Ballot choose. Luke Leland and Charles Goddard. — } Selectmen.

who come forward and were Sworn March 10th. 1845. To the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of their Office respecting all elections and the returns thereof. — . — By Charles Brigham Jr., Justice of Peace.

Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. — .

Voted to choose the Highway Surveyors by nomination, — . —
Voted to have thirteen Highway Surveyors the ensuing year.

By vote Chose Levi Green — } Sworn March 10. 1845. —
Charles B. Demond, } Sworn March 12. 1845. —
Sworn March 19. 1845 Levi N. Leland
Sworn Mar. 18. 1845 Ebenezer Lincoln
Sworn Apl. 13. 1845 John H. Merriam
Charles Prentice 2nd.
Ethan R. Thompson } Excused.

Highway Surveyors. and Voted they be collectors of Highway Taxes, the ensuing year. — . — . —

Austin Holbrook,
Elijah Stow —,
Sworn March 17. 1845. Edward W. Green,
Sworn May 30. 1845 Jefferson Bellows.
Sworn March 17. 1845 Ebenezer R. Dodge,
Peter Hunt, —,
} Sworn March 15. 1845. Highway Surveyors and Collectors of Highway Taxes the ensuing year. — Sworn March. 12. 1845.

Voted to have three Fenu viewers the ensuing year.
By vote Chose. Jonathan D. Wheeler
Samuel A. Dabrimple
Jesse Farnum. —,
} Fenu viewers

Voted to have five Sealers of Leather for the ensuing year, —

By vote chose Rufus E. Warren } Sworn March 10. 1845.
Jonathan Warren } Sworn March 10. 1845.
Lovel Stow
John Whitney
Horace J. Brown
} Sealers of Leather,

Voted to have two Surveyors of Lumber the ensuing year, —

By vote Chose Josiah H. Hammond
William T. Lesure. —
} Surveyors of Lumber,

Voted to have twenty six measurers of wood and Bark for the ensuing year, and voted the Selct-men appoint them, — —

Voted to have five field Drivers for the ensuing year, —

By vote Chose Joshua Spear. } Sworn March 15. 1845.
Jonas B. Brigham
Nathaniel Smith
Obediah Redding
} Field Drivers, Sworn May 1. 1845.
John G. Phillips, } Sworn March 15. 1845. —

Voted to have two Pound keepers the ensuing year, —

By vote Chose Charles H. Towne } Sworn April 1. 1845. — Pound Keepers. —
Samuel Dispeau }

By vote Chose Nathan Hancock. Sealer of weights and Measures for the ensuing year, Sworn May 12th. 1845.

Voted to have a Committee of Three to audit accounts, —

By vote Chose Edwar B. Bigelow
Jonathan D. Wheeler.
Samuel Harrington,
} Auditing Committee the ensuing year,

Voted to have five Fire wards the ensuing year, —

By vote chose, Joseph Bruce, Charles Brigham, Esek Saunders, Joseph Batchelder, David Jourdan, } Firewards.

Art. 3d. Voted to accept the Select-mens report, which is in the words and figures following; viz: —

Report of the Select-men of Grafton upon the condition of the Town, for the year ending March 1st. 1845. —

Resources of the Town, —

A Farm & Buildings thereon, Cost, —	$. 3.000. 00
Stock, Hay, Grain, Provisions, House-hold furniture, Farming Tools &c, as valued by the Select-men, —	755. 67
Robert W. Flagg's Note Secured by Mortgage, —	1.000. 00
Emory Singletary's Note Secured by Mortgage it being the School fund, the interest only being applied for the benefit of schools, —	1.000. 00
Total, —	$. 5755. 67

Liabilities of the Town, —

A Note due the Provident Institution for savings at Boston, —	2000. 00
	$. 3755. 67

Leaving a balance in favour of the Town including School Note — $. 3755. 67 —

Deducting School Note — $. 2755. 67

A Statement of Expences shewing the cost of supporting the Poor upon the Town farm. —

Interest on the Farm at 5. pr. ct,	$. 150. 00
Agents Salary,	175. 00
Paid by Agent Sundry Bills in Cash & produce,	322. 07
Paid Doct. Delano Pierce for Medical services,	19. 50
	$. 666. 57
whole amount of Cost of carrying on the farm including expences of Supporting Paupers. —	$666. 57
From which deduct the amount received by the Agent in Cash and goods, —	399. 01
Making the balance for Supporting Paupers past year.	$. 267 56

The Board have endeavored in the discharge of this part of their duty to bring the expences of the establishment

as nearly within its income as possible, consistent with the comfort and convenience of the paupers upon it, . — . — . —

And while they believe they have supplied the wants and necessities of that unfortunate of our Citizens, who are unable to support themselves in a manner creditable and Honourable to the Town, They have not done it in so extravagant a manner as to induce the indolent and improvident to seek support at the Public expence,

Owcing to the productions of Grain upon the farms falling short of past years to the amount of sixty or seventy dollars they have not succeeded in reducing the expences to extent desired — yet the result shows a considerable reduction — compared with former years, . . — . — . —

Whole number works board 329. Number assisted upon the farm past year — Ten. — 10. —

Average Cost pr. week including board Clothing, Physicians Bill is. — 81 cts. — . — . — . —

Average Cost pr week including Board, Clothing, &c. aside from interest on farm is — 36 cts. — . —

There has been no unusual sickness among the Paupers past year, One has been called away by Death, they have been as contented and happy as could be expected of people in similar circumstances, — . —

Expences incured for supporting paupers off of the poor farm, —

Paid for the support of Mary Phelps. — . —	$. 16.03
" for assisting Sally Phillips, — . —	36.40
" for the support of Lyman Stone from April 19th 1844. to April 19th 1845. — . — . —	36.00
Paid O, M. Brigham for support of Ellen Barrett	11.56
" to Strangers to enable them to pursue their journey	3.25
" Samuel Warren to convey him to his friends in Vermont Clothing &c. — . — . — . —	17.00
" Lewis Holbrook Journey to west Boylston. . —	2.00
Total amount of expences for supporting Paupers off of the farm, — . —	$122.24

Refunded by the City of Boston . — $. 16.03

26.70 42.73

Making the balance for the support of the poor away from the farm, the past year. — $79.51

Whole Number supported or assisted away from the farm the past year — . — 9. — . —

(over) — — —

whole Number Supported or relieved by the Town during the past Year, — — — — — — 19. — — — — —

The whole amounts of cost for supporting Poor the past year above receipts 347.07
necessary Draft upon the Treasury for the support of paupers past year, 197.07

Receipts of the Town the past year,

1844. March 2d. Balance in the hands of Treasurer and Collector, — — —	916.51
April 1st. Interest on Emery Singletary's Note —	60.00
July 31st. " on R. W. Flagg's Note —	30.00
Money received from State for State paupers —	26.70
Money received for volunteer Militia —	15.00
Recived of Philip Wing for Drafts over drawn &c —	17.42
Recived of the Selectmen for use of Town Hall —	9.22
Refunded by the City of Boston, — — —	16.03
Recived R. W. Flagg's interest to Jany. 31/45 —	30.00
Amount of Town Tax committed to James H. Cheney for the year 1844. — —	2922.29
Total amounts, — — —	$. 4043.17

The Selectmen further report that they have settled with Jonathan Warren Town Treasurer and have paid through his hands the following amounts up to March 1st. 1845.

Paid for Schools, — — —	$. 1500.00
" Committee on Bridges, — — —	276.92
" for breaking roads, — — — —	45.30
" for Stove, Lamps, &c, for Town Hall repairing same, — —	51.70
" Assessors orders for abating Taxes, —	69.66
" Assessors orders to Engine-Men —	42.48
" Interest on Town Note — — —	119.89
" Interest allowed J. Warren for money advanced & for discharging Mortgage renewing Note &c, — — — —	25.00
" for making roads, Railing roads &c. —	109.10
" for Assessing Taxes for the year 1843&44. —	158.49
" for Collecting Taxes for the year 1842&3 —	75.25
" for recording Taxes & Births & Deaths —	85.09
" for Burials for the year 1843. — —	101.75
" Sundry other orders drawn by Selectmen	396.39
	$. 3057.02
Shewing a balance in hands of Treasurer and Collector — — —	986.15
	$. 4043.17

In conclusion the Board would make the following remarks in relation to the Poor Farm, — The House as is well known is poor and cold, consequently the amount of fuel necessary To render the apartments occupied by the inmates warm and comfortable far exceeds the growth upon the farm; and will in a few years be entirely exhausted, — . — . —

This consideration has led the board to examine the resources of the farm to see if a substitute for fuel did not exist upon it, — And the result gives us pleasure to state to the Town that by recent examination and experiments we have assertained that the Meadow a short distance from the Buildings hitherto considered as of little value, is a deposit of Peat of sufficiently good quality as we believe to answer all the purposes of wood where warmth and heat only are required, — This meadow is of several acres in extent and of unusual depth, of course if our conclusions are correct it is an almost inexaustable deposite of fuel, it may be prepared at that season of the year immediately after the haying and early harvest is finished when the agents has usually but little of importance to do, The quality of this Peat may be greatly improved by draining as the presence of water prevents the further decomposition of the vegitable matter of which it is composed, the soil or top part if skilfully encorporated with the Manure of the farm and applied to the light and dry soils so common on this farm will no doubt greatly increase their production. Doubts may exist in the minds of many whether these expectations will be realized, Yet in the opinion of the boards they are worthy of the consideration of the Town, — . —

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Wheelock
Samuel Houghton
Charles Aldrich
Rufus E. Warren
} Select-men of Grafton

Art. 14th. Voted to grant the sum of two thousand dollars, exclusive of Schooling, to defray the necessary expenses of the Town the current year. — . — . — .

Voted to grant the sum of two thousand dollars, including all other Monies; viz: Interest of the School Note, what comes from the Commonwealth &c. for Schooling the ensuing year, — .

Voted to appropriate two thirds of said sum for winter, and one third for Summer Schools, in the same way as the past year — . —

(over)

Art. 5th. Voted to grant the sum of fifteen hundreds dollars for the repair of Highways and Sluices of eight feet across and under. — . — . — . — . —

Voted to reconsider said vote . — . — . —.

Voted to grant the Sum of Twelve hundreds dollars, for the repair of Highways and Sluices of eight ft across, and under for the Current year, to be assessed as a Money Tax, each man having the privilege of working out his Tax if he can do it to the satisfaction of the Surveyor, —

Voted to allow for Man, and for oxen. ten cents an hour while they work, and for tools left discretionary with the Surveyors — . — . —.

Art. 2d. Voted to have a Committee of three to take the General charge of all Bridges, and Sluices over eight ft across — within the Town. — . — . — . — . —.

By Vote Chose Philip Wing
Leonard Wheelock
Austin Holbrook } Bridge Committee,

Art. 6th. Voted to have one of the Church Bells rung at 12. o'clock M. and 9. o'clock P. M. the ensuing year, And by vote the Meting was adjourned to Tuesday 18th of March Current at two o'clock P.M at this place. —.

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —.

Worcester ss.

To Mr. Barnabas Newton one of the Constables — of the Town of Grafton. — . — . — Greeting. —

The following is a list of those persons who were at the annual March Meeting of the Inhabitants of said town, Chosen into Office, of whom an oath is by law required, viz: —

Leonard S. Wheelock. Constable.

Lewis Holbrook
Isaac S. Harrington } Assessors.

Nathan Hancock. Sealer of Weights and Measures, —

Charles H. Towne and Samuel Dispeau. Pound Keepers.

Levi B. Green
Charles B. Demond
Levi N. Leland
Ebenezer Lincoln
John H. Merriam
Charles Prentice 2nd.
Ethan R. Thompson
Austin Holbrook
Elijah Stow —
Edward W. Green
Jefferson Bellows,
Ebenezer R. Dodge
Peter Hunt. —

} Highway Surveyors and Collectors of Highway Taxes, ...

Rufus E. Warren
Jonathan Warren
Lovell Stow —
John Whitney
Horace L. Brown,

} Sealers of Leather,

Jonathan D. Wheeler
Samuel A. Dalrimple
Jesse Farnum,

} Fence viewers,

Josiah H. Hammond
William T. Lesure,

} Surveyors of Lumber,

Joshua Spear
Jonas B. Brigham
Nathaniel Smith
Obediah Redding
John G. Phillips.

} Field Drivers,

Joseph Brown
Charles Brigham
Esek Saunders
Joseph Batchelder
David Jourdan,

} Fire wards,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, within three days from the date hereof, to notify and summon each of the said persons to appear before the Town Clerk, of said Town within seven days from the time you shall give such notice, to take the Oath by law prescribed unto the Office unto which they are respectively chosen. — — — — — — — — — —

The fire wards you will notify, forthwith, that within three days after such notice, to enter with the Town Clerk, his acceptance or refusal of the said Office. —

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, within Ten days from the date hereof, — — — — —

Given under my hand and seal this tenth day of March A. D. 1845. —

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss, March 18th. 1845.
I have notified the within named, pursuant to the within directions. —

Barnabas Newton, Constable,

A Copy.
Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, — .

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester.

Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the eighteenth day of March instant at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles; viz:

1st. To Choose a Moderator,

2d. To see if the Town will make a new division of the School Money among the Districts.

3d. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow Money to meet the demands on the Treasurer,

4th. To see if the town will choose a Committee to ascertain where a certain tract, parcel or lot of land is, that was marked and laid out by a Committee authorized and empowered for that purpose on the eighteenth of November 1728, to Ebenezer Wheeler and others for a Mill Lot, (recorded to be on the Stream that runs into the Blackstone river) below Moses Printers land in Grafton, Beginning at a Pine Tree at or near Sim.r Brigham's Meadow lot, and running to a Maple tree on the bank of the river, and to other Marks and bounds to the first Mentioned, containing five acres more or less. - also to ascertain whether the conditions of said lay out have ever been altered, and whether the conditions have not been broken or perverted in such a manner as would cause a forfeiture of the premises and leave the further disposal of the same to the Town, also to do any thing and every thing lawful and necessary so that the occupants and Inhabitants of the Town may understand and obtain their rights and Privileges, as petitioned for by Lovell Stow and others,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy there of at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the centre of the Town, and at the Meeting-house in New England Village to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting, Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time of holding said Meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this tenth day of March A. D. 1845.

Lewis Holbrook
Leonard Wheelock
Samuel Houghton
Charles Aldrich
Rufus E. Warren
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. March 10th. 1845.

I have served the within Warrant, by posting up an attested Copy there of at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday the 18th day of March A.D. 1845. at 1. o'Clock, P.M. pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had, to wit; —

Art. 1st. By Ballot, Chose Charles Brigham, Moderator, —

Art 2d. Voted to raise a Committee, one from each School District to make a new division of their School Money and make report of their doings at the next Meeting,

By vote Chose Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe. District No. 1.
" " " Lewis Holbrook — " " 2.
" " " Curtis Forbush — " " 3.
" " " Harvey J. Pratt — " " 4.
" " " Frederick Waterman — " " 5.
" " " Mowrey Farnum — " " 6.
" " " Benjamin Kingsbury — " " 7.
" " " Otis Adams, — " " 8.
" " " Asa F. Smith — " " 9.
" " " David W. Brown, — " " 10.
} said Committee.

Art. 3d. Voted to authorise the Town Treasurer, to borrow money, when it is wanted to meet the demands on the Treasurer, not to exceed the sum of eight hundred dollars, —

Art. 4th. Voted to choose a Committee of three to look into this article and make report at the next Meeting; —

By vote Chose Oliver M. Brigham
Luke Leland
Philip Wing
} Committee,

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting,

Attest.

Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk,

March 18th, 1845. at 2. O'clock P.M. the Town having met pursuant to adjournment of the ~~of the~~ annual meting from the 10th. Instant. the following further proceedings were had; viz:—

Art. 7th. Voted to pass over so much of this article as relates to the Treasurer being collector of Taxes the ensuing year. —

Voted to accept the proposition made in writing by Luke Leland how the Taxes shall be collected the ensuing year. which is in the words and figures following. — . —

Those persons who shall make voluntary payment of their taxes to the Collector within 30 days from the time of his receiving the tax Bill shall have a discount of 5 per cents, within 60 days 4 per cents, within 90 days 3 per cent, within 120 days 2 per cent, Provided nevertheless, no discount is to be made on any Poll tax paid after the expiration of the first 60 days, — . — . —.

All poll taxes to be collected within 60 days from the time the tax bill is committed to the Collector—, and the remainder of all taxes to be Collected and paid into the Treasury by the first day of January next, and the Collector shall pay over to the Treasurer all Money's by him collected as often as one in 30 days from the time of his receiving the tax bill until the whole shall be collected and paid over to the Treasurer,

Voted to take up the Eighth Article, —

Art. 8th Voted to put up the Collection of Taxes at the lowest— Bidder, he giving Bond to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen, and it was struck off at seven eighth's of a per cents to Sumner Dunsmore.

Art. 2d. By Ballot chose Sumner Dunsmore collector of of Taxes for the ensuing year — . — . —
who appeared and was Sworn June 30th 1845.
By Charles Paynter. Town Clerk.

By vote chose Joseph Kimball Highway Surveyor and Collector of Highway Taxes in Room of Ethan K, Thompson. declined Serving, —

Voted to take up the third article and act thereon

Art. 3rd. Voted to accept the Committee report on Bridges and Sluices over eight feet across. which is in the words and figures following; to wit; — —

The Committee Chosen by the Town of Grafton for the past Year to superintend the repairs and build a new if necessary all Bridges in said town that have Sluices way eight ft. and upwards. — . — .

Having attended to that duty, Respectfully Submits the following Report —

The following are the Several Bills of Expence, —

Heywood & Armenson Bill for 15660 ft. of Plank at $ 1½ m.	$ 189.09
Calvin Fosters bill for Spikes 200 lb. at 4⅝	9.25
Otis Adams bill	1.75
Elijah L. Case bill	1.50
Mowry Farnum bill	2.50
Wm. J. Lesure for labour & Team	56.25
	$ 260.34

Rec'd from the Town Treasurer on order	$ 250.00	
Rec'd Cash for Old Bridge Plank	3.75	
		253.75
Balance due from the Town		6.59
		$ 260.34

10000 ft of Plank on hand at $ 1½ m.	$ 175.00	
75 lb. of Spikes	3.48	118.48
Expence for past year		$ 141.86

All which is Submitted

Wm J. Lesure
Mowry Farnum
John W. Slocomb } Committee

Annual Report of the Select-men on the maintainance of Guide posts and boards in the Town of Grafton for the year 1844. —

The undersigned Select men of the Town of Grafton beg leave to present their report of all the plans in which Guide posts are erected and Maintained within the town and all the plans which in the Opinion of the Select men they ought to be Maintained as follows, — —

At the corner of the roads near the House of Calvin Forbush, at the corner of Common near the House of Jonathan D. Wheler, at the corner near the House of Samuel Allen, at the forks of the Millbury and Sutton roads near the House of Robert Prentiss, at the fork of the Sutton and Uxbridge roads South of the House of Robert Prentiss, at the corner near the House of Joseph Bruce, at the fork near Jonathan Sibley, at the fork near the Road plan, at the fork between the Road plan and John Dunns, at the fork between the residence of Joseph Bruce and Henry D. Howards, at the fork near the Indian Burial grounds, at the fork near the meeting House in Farnums Ville, at the fork near the House of David Farnum, at the fork on the Northbridge road, near the House of the late Timothy Gleason,

at each of the forks of the roads between Fishersville and the residence of Austin Holbrook at the fork of the roads in Saunders Ville, at the fork of the roads near the House of Leander S Pratt. at each of the forks between the Burial Grounds and the House of Samuel Dupee, at the Corner near Tavern House in N. E. Village, at the fork of the Providence and Westborough roads a short distance west of the last mentioned place, at the forks near the House of — Bussell, at the fork near the Hay Scales in N. E. Village, at each of the forks near the House of Jonathan K Putnam, at each of the forks northerly of Jarvis Merriams, at the Corner near the House of Charles Fonds, at the fork near the late residence of Elijah Brooks, at the fork near the House of S. R. Goulding, at the fork near the House of — Isaiah Fair Banks, also near the Residence of Eli Converse, also near the House of Charles L Fay. —

All of which is Respectfully &c. —

Lewis Holbrook
Samuel Houghton
Rufus E. Warren
Luke Leland
Charles Goddard,
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Voted to take up the Ninth Article —

Art. 9th. voted to authorize the Prudential Committees of the several School Districts to hire their Teachers the ensuing year —

Art. 10th, The Town voted to pay the Sexton, for Digging and filling Grave — ringing the Bell — and attending the funeral with his Horse and the Towns Hearse, one Dollar and seventy five cents for each, also that the friends of the Deceased pay the Sexton in addition one Dollar more for his services, — . — . —.

Art, 11th. Voted to accept the following Town Accounts, Viz:-

H. H. W. Sigourney for breaking roads. — .		$ 8. 00
H. R. Keith. Highway Surveyor. for breaking roads		32. 96
Curtis Forbush for breaking roads — .		6. 30
George W. Drury " " " .		15. 10
E. B. Bigelow P. L. S. Case . " " .		3. 00
Joseph Merriam Jr " " " .		15. 90
David Whitney " " " "		6. 35
General School Committees Acct — .		.47
Winthrop Faulkner — " .		3. 56
Noah Kimball . — " .		.50

Committee to furnish Runners to the Town's Hearse	$ 24.50
Samuel Hall au^{t}. for digging & 49 Graves. —	86.75
Thomas C. Bicoe for 22 days as Gen^{l}. School Com^{r}.	22.00
Edmund B. Willson " 22 " " " " " "	22.00
Benjamin D. Fuke " 21½ " " " " " "	21.50

Art. 13d. Voted to pass over this article. — . — .

— Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday of April next, then to meet at this place at two o' clock in the afternoon. — . — . — .

Attest.

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

We the subscribers the Select men of the Town of Grafton do appoint the following persons to be measurers of wood and Bark for the year ensuing. — . —

John O. Burleigh
Sworn Apl. 19. 1845, Augustus Slocomb
Sworn Apl. 23. 1845. Chd. A. Pierce
Samuel F. Redding
A. M. Bigelow — Sworn October 13th 1845.
John Watterman
John M. Davenport — Sworn May 12. 1845. —
Jonathan B. Sibley — Sworn April 10. 1845. —
Joel Houghton
William B. Nolen
Erastus Fisher — Sworn April 11. 1845.
Gilbert C. Taft — Sworn April 21. 1845
David W. Brown
I. L. Brown — Sworn May 3. 1845.
Chd. B. Jenks
I. S. Harrington — Sworn May 29. 1845.
William Pratt
William L. Lewis
Eliot Barber
Sworn Apl. 18. 1845. John H. Merriam
Sworn May 1. 1845 Nathaniel Smith
George W. Thurston
Orlando Whitney
Sworn Apl. 17. 1845. Barnabas Newton
Charles Fay —
Declines Serving. David White. —
Sworn Apl. 7. 1845. Joseph Kimball. —

Lewis Holbrook, Samuel Houghton, Luke Leland, Charles Goddard, Rufus E. Warren } Select-men of Grafton

Recived April 7. 1845.
a correct copy. —
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

April 7th. 1845. at 2. O'clock P.M. the Town having met pursuant to adjournments of the annual Meting from the 18th. of March last. the following further proceedings were had; to wit: . . . . . .

After reading the procuding of the last Meting.

Voted to take up the seconde article in the warrante and act thereon. — . —

Art. 2nd. By Ballot Chose Charles Aldrich, Highway surveyor in place of Joseph Kimball declins serving. and not liable. — . — . — .

Voted to take up the 12th Article and act thereon,

Art. 12th. voted to accept the following Town Debts. —

Benjamin W. Fay's bill for breaking out roads.	$ 2. 00
Joseph Kimball bill for breaking out roads. —	10. 20
Esek Saunders. bill for breaking out roads, —	5 -40

Then by vote this Meting was dissoloed. —

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

Worcester. ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greting, —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to Met at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday 7th day of April next at 3 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles; viz: ~~~~~

1st. To Choose a Moderator, . — . —

2. d. To hear the report of the Committee Chosen by the Towne on Monday the 18th. Instant to make a new division of the School Money among the several Districts and act thereon.

3 d. To see what Measures the Town will adopt to cause all Money due the town

from the Collectors of Taxes to be paide into the Treasury, — . — . — . — . —

Art. 4th To see if the Town will cause the note of Robert W. Flagg to be collected, — . — . — .

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Centre of said Town, and at the Meeting-house in New-England Village, to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting, — . — . — .

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid, — .

Given under our hands and Seal this twenty-fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. —

Lewis Holbrook
Samuel Houghton
Rufus C. Warren
Luke Leland
Charles Goddard
} Select-men of Grafton.

Worcester, ss,

April 7th. 1845.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Town of Grafton, pursuant to the directions in said warrant,

Charles Prentice, Constable, —

A Correct Copy of Warrant and the returns thereon. —

Attest, —

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Seventh day of April A.D. 1845. the following proceedings were had; to wit: — — — — —

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Charles Brigham Jr. Moderator,

Art. 2nd. voted accept the report of the Committee chosen to make a new division of the School Money among the several School Districts, which is in the words and figures following; to wit: —

The undersigned having been chosen by the town as a Committee for the purpose of making a new distribution of the School-money, would respectfully beg leave to report, — —

The subject on which we have been called to act, will we think be admitted by all, to be one of great importance, and as it is one that requires a great variety of considerations to be taken into the accounts, which vary in different Districts, it is thereby rendered a difficult one to decide upon, But your Committee are happy to say, That after a pretty thorough discussion of the subject, they have with a good degree of unanimity come to the following results, - which they would present for the consideration and action of the town. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

District	No. 1	21½ pr. ct.	No. 6	13.	pr. ct.
"	" 2	5½ " "	" 7.	5½	" "
"	" 3	6¾ " "	" 8.	6½	" "
"	" 4	6¾ " "	" 9.	22½	" "
"	" 5	6. " "	" 10.	6.	" "

All of which is respectfully submitted

Thomas C. Biscoe
Curtis Forbush
Otis Adams. -
Frederick Waterman
David W. Brown
A. F. Smith
Mowry Farnum
Hervey J. Pratt.

Art. 3d. voted the Treasurer be authorised and instructed to collect all Money due the Town from the Collectors fourthwith, —

Art. 4th voted the Treasurer be instructed to collect the Note of Robert W. Flagg's fourthwith, — . — . —.

And by vote the Meeting was dissolved, . — . — . —

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, — . —.

1st To Mr. Barnabas Newton, one of the Constables of the Town Grafton. — — — Greeting.

The following is a list of persons appointed by the Selectmen to be Measurers of wood and bark for the ensuing year, of whom an oath is by law required; viz: — . —

John O. Burbigh
Augustus Slocomb
Charles A. Peirce.
Samuel F. Redding
A. M. Bigelow.
John Waterman.
John M. Davenport
Jon.a B. Sibley.
Joel Houghton
William B. Nolen
Erastus Fisher
Gilbert C Taft
David W. Brown.
I. L. Brown
Chas. B. Jenks
I. S. Harrington
William Pratt
William L. Lewis
Eliot Barber
John H. Merriam
Nathaniel Smith
George W Thurston
Orlando Whitney
Barnabas Newton
Charles Fay.
David White.
Joseph Kimball.

All measurers of wood & bark. — . — . —

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, within three days from the date hereof, to notify and summon each of the said persons to appear before me within seven days from the time you shall give such notice to take the oath by law prescribed to the office unto which they are respectively appointed. —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, within seven days from the date hereof. Given under my hand and seal this Ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. —

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. —

Worcester ss. April 17th 1845. —

I have notified the persons within named to appear pursuant to the within directions. — —

Barnabas Newton, Constable of Grafton,

A correct copy
Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Grafton we the undersigned assessors of the said town agreable to the law of this Commonwealth have enrolled the following persons in Militia of said town whose names are enrolled below. — — — — —

Hollis Chamberlain
Horace Daniels
Lewis Daniels
Henry Daniels
Lewis Holbrook
Samuel Hutchinson
Ebenezer R. Dodge
Cromwell Laithe
Benj.a Heywood Jr.
Andrew Phillips
Nehemiah Knapp
Erastus Fisher
Davis Taylor
Harvin T. Eddy
Cyrus Ferry
Nelson Ferry
Daniel T. Smith
George F Clark
Joseph H. Clark
Horace Batchelder
Loring Davis
Luther Wright
Joel Houghton
Martain M. Miles
Arnold Sherman
Thomas Cady
Lewis K Bacon
Luther Hobert
Daniel Grun
Charles Hudson
Ambrose Ogden
George Clement
Willard Clapp
George Piper.
James Piper
Oliver Rose
Leonard A. Buxton
George L. Chambers
Hirum E Chambers
Amasa Gough.
George W. Morse.
Robert Wilson
James Snowland
Thomas J. B. Heath,
Waterman A. Fisher
Joseph Loomis
William Carter
Jerome Sherman
Charles Hager
Jonathan Jackson
Elbridge Thatcher
Barnabas Drury
Roswell B. Hodge
Joseph D. Bond
Isaac M. Ruggles
Walter Leighton
Tarrant Sherman
Josiah G. Hall
Luke Leland Jr.
Jesse Farnum
Jefferson Bellows
Jonas B. Brigham
Henry D. Howard
Jeremiah Flagg
George W. Crom Jr
Isaac Redding
John Jackson
Tilly Gilbert
Charles M Davis
Dexter S. Bragg
Luke Knox.
George S. Case
David Whitcomb
Shepard Cooper
John M Adams
Mowry Farnum
William G Ferry
Merrick Houghton
Horace P. Brown
David W. Brown
Joseph W Belknapp
Joel Whitcomb
Joseph G Brown
James Whitney
Artemas Bennett
Thomas R. Gay
John L Gleason
George Wood.

Benjamin W Fay
William Prentice
Orlando Whitney
Solomon L. Prentice
John Hitchens
Jonas B Stanton
Charles A. Chase
Horace L Gleason
Jonas G. Nichols
Ezek Saunders
Constant R. Davis
Jacob Spring
Ira Cook
Warren Campbell
George W. Lincoln
Nathaniel L. Eddy
Benja L. Phillips
John B. Rice
William Place
John A. Dodge
Amos D. Johnson
Gilbert C. Taft
Delano P. Eddy
Levi T. Benson
John Daniels
John T. Stow
Robert McCrillis
Joseph A. Stow
John Redding
Lebina L. Lincoln
Elisha M. Smith
George Bishop
Thomas Graplam
Daniel Newton
H. H. W. Sigourney
Luke Cass. —
Joshua Spear Jr.
Isaac L. Brown
Amos Lamb
Horatio Fisk
William Morse
Spaulding Reavis
Lyman Austin
Peter Snow
Francis Hall Jr
James H. Williams
Charles Goddard
Jonathan B. Sibley
David R. Chamberlain
Charles L. Chamberlain

Rodney Leland
Luther Griswold
George Cushion.
John H. Styles
George W. Drury
Peter Hunt
Amos Dorr
Levi White
Harvey Goddard
Jonathan W. Stow
Charles A. Stow
Mark E. Blair
Jotham Wheler
Lowell Fay. —
George R Bishop
Emerson
John P. Hayden
Justin Forbush
Curtis Forbush
Simeon Fay. —
Lawson Munyan
Hendrick Hunt
Calvin S. Thurston
Mendal Mowry
Jonathan B Thurston
Nathaniel Smith
Moses C. Hayden
Samuel Baker
Thomas Baker Jr.
Joel Taft. —
Levi N. Leland
Samuel S. Coburn
Eliot Jourdan. —
Frederick Williams
Manson Fuller
Sylvan Shurtleff
George Thurston
Norman Call —
William Jourdan
Daniel L. Emerson.
James Inman
Jonathan Hodgeney
Leonard Messer
Charles Butman
Amasa Howe
Bradford Stetson
Davis Flagg
Arba G. Darling
Robert G. Taft
George Dunn. —

Royal A. Keith
Harrison Eames
Calvin Prentice
Ira Prentice
Silas Timberlake
Jonathan Fisk
Daniel Sumner
Henry R. Keith
Elijah L. Case
George G. Carpenter
Phineas Spencer
William Sibley
Eli B. Sadler
George A. Brown
William Fisk
Elbridge G. Prentice
Thomas J. Drury
Jonathan Wiste.
Charles B. Demond
Josiah H. Hammond
Frederick Waterman
David F. Eames. —
Ira Davis. —
Henry Powers.
Silas Walcutt
Hanson Read
David Jourdan
John Coburn
Alvin Houghton
Seth C. Winslow
Daniel F. Young.
Edwin Smith
Gardner L. Wheelock
Robert Mowry
Silas Jewett
William Starke
Orin C. Davis
Samuel N. Davis
Abram J. Gibson
Isaac J. Gibson
Eleazer Martin
Ransellar R White
William Thornton
Daniel F. Witherbee
Lorin Learned
Joseph G. Batchelder
Charles Prentice 2nd
L. S. Wheelock. —
Samuel Dishaus

Daniel G. Fairbanks
Charles Muzzy. —
Charles Putnam,
Leonard S. Wheelock.
Eliakim Atherton
Flint Howe
James C. Henry
Benjamin H. Roper
George W Pennock
Elisha B. Thomas
Alfred Davis —
Nathaniel G. Whitney
Albert Willson
Samuel Clough
Reuben Hunton
Benjamin C. Paine
William H Forbush
Lucius A. White
Nath.l W. Batchelor
Joseph Silver
Benjamin S Green
Lewis H. Bigelow
Elbridge G. Harrington
Frances Spring —
John Putnam Jr
George H. Rugg
Asa Smith
Charles F. Leland
Samuel C. Flagg —
Willard Bellows
Henry Messenger
George W. Peters
Curtis Maynard
William B. Pratt
W. H. H. Conner —
Albert S. Conner —
Lathrop Eames
David Burpee —
James Rich
William A. Rich
Ezra C. Pratt.
Franklin Bigelow —
Nathaniel F. Skinner —
Rufus S Snowdon
John Bridges —
Lucius M Peckham
Robert D. Chase —
Charles Miles. —

Cyprus S Finch
Silas H Fairbanks
Edward Smith
John G. Phillips
A. F. Smith
Dexter B. Wingate
William Perce
Levi M. Harrington
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Albert Sewall
Olney Davis
Henry G. Johnson
Samuel A. Knox
John Elliot
Joseph M. Bassett
Andrew Gates
Albert G. Cobb
Thomas J. Baker
C. J. Willson
Daniel Cook
Milo Stow
Daniel Byron
Joseph A. Merriam
Nathaniel Chaffin
Henry Peirce
Isaac Mason
E. M. Carpenter
Charles H. Fay
Francis Brown
Hammond Button
Asa R. Willington
Thomas Aldrich
Gilbert King
Charles Phelps
J. J. Goodrich
Charles Whitlock
Noah L. Goodrich
Elphonzo Barrus
A. W. Rice
Walter Barber
Sylvester Smith
Jonathan R Putnam
Albert A. Paine
Daniel L. Cutler
Samuel M. Rice
Oliver H. Whitlock
William Rice
Samuel B. Dolliver
Samuel A. Wheeler

James F. Lincoln
Oliver Stone
Albert W. Bowers
Nathan S. Whitlock
Edward L Brigham
W. L. Lewis
William H. Thompson
Leander W. Greenwood
Edwin Bathrick
Charles H. Knowlton
George W. Smith
John Harrington
A. P. Carpenter
Edwards Green
Henry B. Leach
J. L. Patch
Pliny Putnam
Joseph P. Leland
Jeremiah Whitcomb
John Merriam
Augustus Johnson
Jasper W. Putnam
William P. Gifford
Henry A. Gifford
Nathaniel P Whitney
Frederick F. Elliott
Jesse Smith
Lucius M, Smith
Nathan B. Harlow
Joseph Dolliver
Joseph H Whitney
Emory A. Taft
Warren Brigham
Martin Hunting
Ebenezer Hutkins
Hiram Baird
Henry A. Green
Joel F Cobb
Rowland Cobb
Joseph D. Dispeau
William A. Dispeau
John B. Smith
Manson F. Harrington
Reuben Richardson
George L, Hubbard
Charles W. Parker
Henry B. Fairbanks
John J. Brooks
Elijah B. Brooks
Jeremiah Emory

Arvin Thompson
William J. Barker
Robert Prentice 2d.
Warren S. Gay
Elijah B. Knowlton
Samuel F. Stone
Dexter B. Hathaway
Luther Beals
Henry Wesson
Ira J. Goodrich
Samuel W. Putnam
Lovell Baker Jr.
Ephraim S. Fowler
A. B. Cummings
Lovell Stow
Jason Knowlton
Lewis W. Dodge
Frances B. McIntire
Absalom Hastings
William C. Allen
Samuel H. Olmstead
Fearing D. Coster
Samuel G. Congdon
William Burrage
Samuel D. Hodges
Henry Whitney
Ebenezer Flagg
Roswell Amstead
Silas Winn
Daniel G. Prentice
Lymander Pratt
John Davis
Carlton Malinda
Winthrop Faulkner
Charles C. Foster
Henry Russell
Elisha W. Hinds
William Mcorney
James W White
John M. Davenport
A. M. Bigelow
Thaddeus J Gay
Willard B. Drury
William W. Ayres
H. D. P. Bigelow
John W. Wales
Martin Fassett
Jesse Emery
Charles L. Heywood

George W. Hale
Putnam H. Hayward
Lincoln Wood
Rufus C. Warren
Jason Gleason
George Phillips
William Plaw
James H. Cheney
George B. Raymond
Walter H Witherbee
Frances Goddard
John Briggs
James M. Kimball
Samuel Harrington
Levi C. Heywood
Jonathan Nichols
Cyrus Caton
David Whitney
James G. Putnam
Harvey Carpenter
Asahel Fairbanks
James H. Munroe
Samuel W. Howe
William Holbrook
Martin Howe
Willard S Wood
R. M. Witherbee
Nathaniel O. Chaffee
Hanson G. Hinds
Samuel W. Flagg
Peter F. Wheeler
Ezekiel Davenport
Cyrus Dalrymple
Abel Maynard
Charles G Lyman
Otis Frissel
Hiram Fernald
John Waterman
Luther Stowe
Luke F Allen
William J Caton
Jonathan D. Wheeler
George W. Fairbanks
Nathaniel Munroe
George F Slocomb
Augustus Slocomb
Minot Amsden
Thompson Kimberly Jr
John Bigelow

Ebenezer Lincoln
John Whitney
Thomas J. Griggs
Charles H Jackson
John Brue —
Andrew H White
Rufus Whitney
Francis Winn
Dexter D. Ball
Lewis C. Randall
Thomas D Wright
Moses C. Woodbury
Rufus W. Davenport
Charles F. Obrun
Amos Starboard
John O. Burleigh
Augustus S. Hayward
Charles A Pierce
William C Stockwell
George W. Hastings
David Drury —
Ephraim C Healy
Henry Garland
C. C. L. Wheeler
Joseph W. Leland
Charles Jackson
William Fay
William M. Stow
Charles H. Towne
Leander S Pratt
Orin Dadman
John S. Sweeney
Rufus D Witherbee
Elisha S. Livermore
Levi Green —
Zanthy Parker
Charles I Warren
John Heath
Joseph C McCrillis
Samuel A. Dalrymple
George H. Whitney
Warren Miller —
John Rice
George Webster
Jonathan H. Wood
David White Jr
Healy Baker
Jeremiah S. Holmes
Charles A. Dunsmore
Artemas D. Baker

John M Newton
Silas A. Forbush
Silas A. Pierce
Salmon D. Hall
Calvin W. Forbush
Jotham W. Safford —
Noah Kimball
Horace Mecorney
Caleb Wood. —
Jeremiah F. Bentley
John B. White.
Augustus Salisbury
Samuel Chase
Levi H Stow
Sumner Dunsmore
Charles D Monroe
Silas Eaton
Barnabas Newton
Calvin Crane
Charles O. Adams
Bradford Chase
Chas. A. S. Temple
Charles Merriam
John H Merriam
Lewis Whitney
Solomon C Goulding
David Fisher Jr
Adolphus Hobe
John C. Bennett
Uriah Scearles
Jefferson Wheelock
Elbridge Tinkley
Joseph B. Adams
H. G. O. Clafflin
John V. Leland
Calvin Wesson
James H Smith
Rufus S. Davis
Seth J. Axtell
Thomas Flint
Lowell Sanborn
Charles L Harrington
Joseph Willard
Benjamin S. Watson
Thomas Coutts
James Martin
John G. Smith
Ethan R Thompson
Charles C Aldrich
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Henry F. Wing
Augustus Leland
Joseph A. Merriam

Jonathan C. Warren
William H. Jourdan,
Horatio C. Greenwood
Jonar C. Greenwood,

Whole number is 590.

Grafton May 31. 1845.

Charles Prentice
Lewis Holbrook
I. S. Harrington
} Assessors of Grafton

A Copy Attest Charles Prentice Town Clerk

List

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday 23d day of June current at 3. o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles; viz: — — — — — — —

1st. To Choose a Moderator — — — — —

2nd. To Choose a highway surveyor in the District where Charles Aldrich was chosen and declined serving. —

3rd. To see if the Town will instruct the selectmen in relation to laying out a road commencing at a point in the road near the southeasterly corner of Jon.a Warren's pasture and a little northerly of the dwelling-house of Jon.a W. Stow and running in the best direction to a point in the high-way near Timothy Merriam's Barn. —

4th. To See if the town will repair the road as now travelled between Jon.a W. Stow's and Timothy Meriam's or act thereon. —

5th To accept town debts. —

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof, at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the centre of said Town, and

at the Meeting-house in New England Village, to stand over Two Sundays at least before the time of holding said meting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seal this twelfth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and forty five.

Lewis Holbrook
Luke Leland
Rufus C. Warren
Charles Goddard
} Select-men of Grafton.

Worcester, ss. Grafton June 23d. 1845.

I have served the within warrant, by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town pursuant to the within directions.

Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton,

A Correct Copy
Attst, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 23d. day of June A. D. 1845 the following proceedings were had, to wit: —

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Samuel Wood Moderator. —

Art. 2d. By vote chose Joseph Willard Highway Surveyor and collector of highway taxes in place of Charles Marsh excused. Who was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties, by Mr Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

Art. 3d. Voted the Select-men be instructed to lay out the road refered in this article, viz: from the southeasterly corner of Jon.a Warren's pasture to a point in the road near Timothy Merriam's barn.

Art. 4th. Voted to pass over this article. — — —

Art. 5th Voted to accept Emory Washburn acct. for what he paid Asa Mathews Jailor for 2 weeks board of R. Lavity in Jail. — — — $2.50

And by vote the Meting was dissolved

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk

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L.S. Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the first day of September next at 2. o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz:-

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d. To see if the Town will accept the road laid out by the Selectmen between Jon.a W. Stowe's and Timothy Merriams or act thereon,

3d To see if the town will cause the road named in the preceding article to be made or act thereon.

4th. To see if the Town will accept of the alterations made in the road by the Selectmen between Joseph Merriams and the Upton line by Moses Stockwells.

5th To see if the town will accept the road laid out by the Selectmen commencing at the end of the road near Hollis Chamberlains, and running northerly to Westboro' line.

6th To hear the report of any onto Standing Committees and acte thereon,

7th. To accept town debts.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Center of said Town, and at the Meeting-house in New England Village, to Stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and Seal, this twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five,

Lewis Holbrook,
Samuel Houghton,
Luke Leland,
Rufus E. Warren,
Charles Goddard,
} Select-Men of Grafton

Worcester, ss, September 1. 1845.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton.

A Correct Copy of the warrant and the return thereon

Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. qualified to Vote in town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the first day of September A.D. 1845. the following proceedings were had to wit:—

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Lewis Holbrook Moderator.

Art. 2d. Voted to accept the Selectmen's report in the layout of the road named in this article.

Art. 3d. Voted to raise a Committee of five to make the road named in the preceding article according to the layout by the Selectmen By Vote Chose Otis Adams. Jonathan W. Stow Curtis W Forbush, Lawson Munyan and Edward B. Bigelow } Committee

Art. 4th. Voted accept the report of the Selectmen in the layout and alterations, as named in this Article. — — — — —

Art. 5th. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen in the laying out a road from near the House of Holly & Chamberlain's to Westborough line on the condition viz: That if the Town of Westborough or the County Commissioners, lay out a road to meet it within one year from the first day of December next &c,

Art. 6th. no report was offered. —

Art. 7th. Voted to accept the following acts

E. B. Bigelow acts.	7. 25
Justin Holbrook "	2. 00
Lewis Holbrook "	22. 75
Charles Prentice "	38. 12

And by Vote the Meeting was Dissolved

Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk.

We the subscribers, Selectmen of Grafton & Upton have this 16th day of August A.D. 1845. Met agreable to Notice given by the Selectmen of Grafton (being the most anciente town) for the purpose of perambulating the lines and renewing the Marks between our said towns, and having attended to that service make the following return of said lines and bounds, Beginning at a Stone Monument which being a corner of Grafton, Upton & Northbridge bearing North 14¾ degrees, West 170 rods to a Stone Monument at the Corner of Royal Keith's pasture thence North 72¾ degrees East 96 rods to a Stone Monument at the Corner of Reuben Wood Jr and Thomas M Baker's Meadow, thence North 34¾ degrees West 201 rods to a Stone Monument being a corner of Wd Haydon's, thence North 88¾ degrees East 197 rods to a Stone Monument at the line of Ward Baker's lands, thence North 1 degree 50m. East 956 rods to a Stone Monument being the Corner of Westboro, and Upton on the Grafton lines. —

August 16. 1845. Samuel Houghton } Select Men of
A Correct Copy Luke Leland &c. } Grafton —

Attest Charles Prentice Town Clerk, Elijah Nelson } Select-men of
Levi Fiske. } Upton. —

We the subscribers Select-men of the Town of Grafton, have laid out for the use of the Inhabitants thereof, (after giving notice to all persons interested as the law directs) a town way as follows to wit:— Beginning on the westerly side of the road leading from Jonathan W. Stows, to Timothy Meriam's, at the southeasterly coorner of Jonathan Warren's pasture and running North 15° East 76 rods on lands of said Warren to Stake and Stones; thence North 8° 20° East 18 rods on land of said Warren, then continuing the same course through land of Timothy Meriam. 132 3/4 rods until it intersects with the road aforesaid near a large Appletree and to be two & half rods wide & to lie on the easterly side of said course.—

And we have awarded to the owners of the land over which said way passes, for their damage as follows.— To the said Jonathan Warren one hundred and eighty dollars,— To the said Timothy Meriam forty two dollars, to be paid by the Town of Grafton before the said road is opened.—

which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.—

Dated at Grafton this nineteenth day of June in the year 1845.—

Lewis Holbrook
Samuel Houghton
Rufus D. Warren
Luke Leland
Charles Goddard
} Select-men of Grafton

Accepted September 1st. 1845.

A True Copy.—

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk

We the subscribers Select-men of the town of Grafton have widen the town way or highway leading from Joseph Merriams by Moses Hotchkiss to the Upton line, having first given legal notice to all persons concerned.

Begening on the Northerly side of said road, North of Joseph Merriams near a Stone bridge, running on lands of Joseph Merriam Jr, North 76½ degrees East 6 rods. Thence North 61½ degrees East. 2. Rods, then North 50 degrees East 2 rods. then North 36½ degrees East 6 rods to a heap of Stones on the road also commencing on the westerly side of said

Road North of Moses Stockwells House at a Brook and running North 56¾ degrees East 13 rods to Stake and Stones, on said Stockwells lands, thence North 46¼ degrees East 4 rods to Stake and Stones, thence North 28 degrees East 13 rods to Stake and Stones, thence North 22¼ degrees East 11½ rods to the road on Upton line, —

And the said Merriam and Stockwell agree to relinquist all claims for damages, which said alteration are hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance.

Grafton June 30th. 1845.

Lewis Holbrook
Samuel Houghton
Luke Leland
Rufus E. Warren
Charles Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Accepted by the Town September 1st. 1845.

A true Copy —

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, have laid out for the use of the Inhabitants thereof, a Town way as follows; —

Beginning at the end of a wall on the westerly side of the road at the end of said way near the house of Hollis Chamberlain, thence north 15¾ degrees west 9 7/20 rods to the corner of said Chamberlain's and Daniel Fairbanks's land near the Shop of said Chamberlain, then North 15½ degrees East 4 7/20. rods to the line of said Fairbanks's land, then North 27 degrees East 18 rods to a heap of Stones on a flat rock then North 31¾ degrees East 17 2/20. rods to a Stake and Stones at the westboro. line near a butternut tree; to be two rods wide and to lie on the Easterly side of said course; said way is located to the second angle partly over land of said Chamberlain, and partly over land of said Fairbanks, and the remainder wholly over land of said Fairbanks, — And we award the sum of Sixty Dollars to the said Daniel Fairbanks as damages which being agreed upon between him and the Selectmen to be paid by the Town of Grafton

at such times as they shall accept the same and cause it to be opened as a public Town way; and the said Hollis Chamberlain releases all the damages for laying said road through his land; Notice having been duly given to all persons interested in the intentions of the Selectmen to locate said way seven days before the date hire of which said road is hereby reported to the town of Grafton for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town way. —

Dated at Grafton this Twentieth day of August — A. D. 1845.

Lewis Holbrook
Rufus L. Warren
Luke Leland
Chas. Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton

Accepted by the Town September 1st. 1845.

A True Copy —
Attest Charles Prentice. Town Clerk —

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting. —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to Notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the tenth day of November next, at nine O'clock in the forenoon, being the second Monday of said Month, to bring in their Votes to the to the Selectmen for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing.

And also, to chuse a Representative to Represent them in the General Court, to be holden at Boston, on the first day of January next. — —

The Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators will all be on Goods on one ballot, and for Represin= Tatives on seperate ballots. — . — . —

The Polls will be Opened to receive the Votes for the above Officers at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day. — You are directed to notify the inhabitants aforesaid to meet at the same place at 2. o'clock in the afternoon of said day —

To act on the following artids: —

1st. To Choose a Moderator. —

2d. To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon, —

3d. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to examine into the condition of the Burying Ground or act in relation to it, —

4th. To see if the town will allow damage to Edwin Eaton in consequence of upsetting his carriage near the Wheeler Bridge, —

5th. To accept town debts, —

6th To see if the Town will cause the roads between Jonathan W. Stow's and Timothy Merri ams to be repaired, by request of Samuel Woods and others,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Centre of said Town, and at the Meeting-house in New England Village, nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. —

Here of fail not and Make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. —

Given under our hands and Seal this twenty eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, —

Lewis Holbrook
Samuel Houghton
Rufus E. Warren
Luke Leland
Charles Goddard
} Select-Men of Grafton

Worcester, ss. Grafton November 10th. 1845. I have served this warrant, by Posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said town pursuant to the within directions,

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton,

A. Correct Copy
Attest.
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Town on the Tenth day of November being the second Monday of said Month A. D. 1845. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators, also for a Representative to represent said Town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. — — — — —

The whole number of votes given in for the above named Officers were sorted, counted, read and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons to wit: — — — — — — — — — —

Whole Number of Ballots 430.

For Governor. — George N. Briggs, Two Hundred twenty one Votes. —
Isaac Davis. — One hundred thirteen. Votes, —
Samuel E. Sewall. Forty Eight. —. Votes.
Henry Shaw. . Thirty Eight. —. Votes,

Whole number of Ballots 423.

For Lieutenant Governor — John Reed. Two hundred and twenty Votes,
George Lavary, One hundred Sixteen — Votes,
John M. Brewster, Forty nine. — Votes,
Charles W. Moore, Thirty-Eight. — Votes,

For Senators. — Whig Ticket,

John G. Thurston, Two hundred twenty Votes,
Joseph Stone. — Two hundred twenty Votes,
Stephen Salisbury — Two hundred Eleven Votes,
Calvin Willard — Two hundred ten Votes,
Jason Goulding Two hundred twenty Votes,
Paul Whitin. . — —. one Vote. — — — —

Democratic Ticket

Walter A. Bryant, One hundred Sixteen Votes,
Adam Harrington, one hundred Sixteen Votes,
Orison Underwood one hundred Sixteen Votes,
Francis Howes. —. one hundred Sixteen Votes,
Ivers Phillips. —. one hundred Sixteen. Votes,

Liberty Ticket,

Thomas W. Ward. Fifty Votes. —
R. B. Hubbard. Fifty — Votes,
Joseph Griggs. Fifty — Votes,
Gilman Jones — Fifty — Votes,
Charles Adams Jr. Fifty Votes.

Native American Ticket,
K. B. Hancock. Forty one votes.
William Sigourney Forty one Votes,
Seth Alden . Forty one Votes,
Thomas Davis . Forty one Votes,
Samuel Harrington Forty one Votes,

Whole number of Ballots for a Representative 409.
Esek Saunders had Two hundred nine Votes and is Chosen,
Charles Aldrich " one hundred eleven Votes,
Holland Greenwood " forty six votes. —
Joseph Batchelder " Thirty nine Votes,
Otis Adams " Two Votes, —
Oliver M. Brigham " One Vote . —
Joshua W. Leland " One Vote . —

At a Town Meeting held on the same day at 2. o'clock P.M. pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had; to wit: — .
Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Joseph Brown Moderator, —
Art. 2d. Voted to pass over this article for the present, —
Art. 3d. Voted the Select-men be a Committee to examine into the condition of the Burying-grounds as named in this article, and they all declined, —
Voted to Choose a Committee of three to attend to this article. — — — — — — — — —
By vote chose Samuel Wood } Said Committee,
Isaac W. Wood }
Philip Wing. }

Art. 4th. Voted the Selectmen be a Committee to settle with Edwin Eaton on the best terms they can. — — — — — — — —
Took up the second article.
Art. 2d. Oliver M. Brigham Chairman of a Committee Chosen to assertain the condition of a certain Mill lot read their report,
The Town Voted to accept said report and have the same recorded in the Town Book, which is in the words and figures following. — — — — — — —

The Committee Chosen by the Town to assertain the situation and condition of a certain Mill-lot, Marked out Nov. the 18th. 1728. by a Committee of the Proprietors to Ebenezer Wheeler and others, have attended to that duty, and would respectfully report, — That it is evident to your Committee, —

That the said layout Comprehended or contained nearly or exactly the same tract or parcel of land which was conveyed to Perley Goddard by Nathaniel Wood, then and since known by the name of the Mill-lot, It is also evident, that in consequence a mill or mills should not be kept up according to the letter and intent of the aforesaid lay out; that the aforesaid lot would be at the disposal of the proprietors, and not to the town,

Your Committee were brought to this conclusion from the facts; that the Records do not show so far as your Committee can assertain that the Propriators ever conveyed this lot, or any of their Common lands to the town and therefore the town can have no legal claim on said lots.

All of which is Respectfully submitted.—

Oliver M. Brigham.
Luke Leland
Philip Wing.—

A Correct Copy.
Attest.
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

Art. 5th. Voted to allow the amount of Lewis Holbrook and others for their attendance at Dedham Court. as witnesses &c in a suit brought vs. said town by William C. Hunneman & Co. $45.32
J. S. Harrington Asst for Making taxes 32.00
Charles Brigham Jr 5.50

Voted not to allow Charles B. Jenks's Acct. Nos 87 against and 47 for allowing it.

Art. 6th. Voted to choose a Committee of three to attend to this article.

By vote Chose Oliver M. Brigham
Philip Wing
Lovell Baker } Committee

And the Meeting dissolved

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk

We the subscribers on behalf of the Towns of Worcester and Grafton, met this day at a stone monument in land occupied by Charles Wisson, being a corner of Worcester and Millbury, on the line of Grafton, for the purpose of perambulating the line between our said Towns, and we proceeded thence to an other similar monument by the side of a pond, the true corner being in sd. pond, and we report said monuments in good condition, of which we have signed duplicates October 16. 1845. —

Darius Rice } For the Town of
Lewis Chapin } Worcester.

Luke Leland } For the Town of
Rufus E. Warren } Grafton,

A Correct Copy.
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk. —

To Charles Prentice, Clerk of the Town of Grafton, This is to Certify that the lands and Estates of the following named Nonresident. owners and proprietors are considered as belonging to and liable to be Taxed in School District No. 9. or N.E. village District (so called) viz: —— Mary A. Allen, Northboro'
Samuel D. Smith, Do.
William Brigham, Boston
Davis Manufacturing Co. Do.
Andrus Marcy, Millbury
Jonas Hastings Do.
Nathan S. Harrington, Norwich, Ct.
Elijah Monroe, Shrewsbury
Salsbury Sprague. Valley Falls, R.I.
Thomas Wisson. Concord,
Nehemiah Upham, East Haddam, Ct,
Paris Richmond Do. Do.
James Harrington Worcester,
Adolphus Merrifield Do.

Grafton June 18th. 1845.

Lewis Holbrook } assessors
I. S. Harrington } of Grafton,

A Correct Copy
Attest.
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the second day of March next, at Nine o' clock A. M, to act on the following articles; viz:

1st. To Choose a Moderator to Preside at said meeting,

2d. To Bring in their votes for a County Treasurer,

3d. To Bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester,

4th. To Choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing,

5th. To Hear the annual Report of the Selectmen and other officers of the town and act thereon,

6th. To Raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town Charges the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same,

7th. To Determine the manner of repairing the Highways town-ways and Bridges the ensuing year and fix the compensation for labor employed thereon,

8th. To see what discount the town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector,

9th. To see what compensation the town will allow the Sexton for Burying the Dead the year ensuing,

10th. To Hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon,

11th. To see if the town will cause the road to be made recently laid out from near the house of Hollis Chamberlain's to Westboro. line,

12th. To see if the town will authorize the several Prudential Committeemen to employ the school teachers in their respective Districts,

13th. To see if the town will cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12 M. and 9 P. M. —

14th To see if the town will request the Selectmen or assessors to make a report of the doings of the several Highway Surveyors of the town for the year 1845. as requested by Perley Goddard and others, —

15th. To accept town debts, —

16th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to renew a loan at the Provident Institution for savings at Boston, or act thereon, —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the centre of said town, and at the Meting-house in New Englands Village. to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said meeting, —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. —

Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six, —

Lewis Holbrook
Samuel Houghton
Rufus C. Warren
Luke Leland
Charles Goddard,

Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, ss. February 23d. 1846. —
I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the town of Grafton, pursuant to the directions in said warrant,

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A Correct Copy of warrant and the return thereon,
Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk. —

At the Annual meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the second day of March A. D. 1846. the following proceedings were had to wit: —

Art. 1st By Ballot Chose Joseph Bruce, Moderator,

Art. 2d. For a County Treasurer, Anthony Chase had one hundred twenty eight votes, . — .

Art. 3d. For a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester Alexander H. Wilder, had one hundred thirty four votes, . — . — . — . — . — .

Art. 4th. voted to have five Select-men the ensuing year, —

By Ballot chose. Luke Leland
Charles Goddard
Ezek Saunders
Philip Wing.
A. & F. Smith. } Select-Men. — who come forward and were Sworn

to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office March 2d. 1846. By Joseph Bruce Jus. Peace. —
Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, — .

By Ballot, Chose Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, who was Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty, By Joseph Bruce. Jus. Peace. March 2d 1846. Attest. Charles Prentice. T. Clerk.

By Ballot chose Jonathan Warren, Town Treasurer. Swor.
Voted to have three Assessors the ensuing year.
By Ballot chose. Charles Prentice — Sworn Apl. 6. 1846.
Chandler N. Pratt } Assessors Sworn May 29. 1846
Oliver M. Brigham } Sworn May 29. 1846. —

Voted to have three for the Generals School Committee,

By Ballot Choose Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe
" Edmund B. Willson
" Benjamin D. Peck. } Generals School Committee

Voted to add two More to this Committee

By Ballot chose " Benjamin A. Edwards
Doct. William Thornton, — }

Art. 2d. The town voted to have six Constables the ensuing year.

By Ballot chose Charles Prentice — Sworn April 6t. 1846
Samuel S. Dalrymple — Sworn March 16. 1846.
Sworn Mar. 2. 1846 Leonard S. Wheelock. — Constables,
James G. Putnam — Sworn March 5. 1846.
Joseph Willard, — Sworn Mar. 2. 1846
Jefferson Bellows, — declines the office

Art. 7 voted to take up the seventh article, and act thereon, voted to choose a Committee one from each District to determine the manner of repairing the roads and Bridges within the town the ensuing year, and report at adjourned meeting. — — —

By vote chose. — — —

John W. Slocomb — Horace P. Brown
Royal A. Keith — Charles Brigham
Timothy Wheelock — William F. Barker — said Committee,
Benjamin W. Fay — Luke Leland
Joseph Meriam Jr — Lewis Holbrook
Chandler M. Pratt — Jonathan W. Stow,
Joseph Kimball

Moved to take up the twelfth article,
Art. 12th. voted the several Prudential School Committeemen be authorized to hire their teachers the ensuing year,
Art. 16th. voted to lay this article on the Table for the present,
Art. 5th. voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen, which is in the words and figures following, to wit: — —

"Report of the Selectmen of Grafton upon the condition of the Town for the year ending March 2d. 1846. — — — — —

Resources of the Town.

a Farm & Buildings thereon, cost $3000.00

Stock, Hay, Grain, Provisions, Household Furniture, Farming Tools &c. as valued by Selectmen, — — — — 712.95

Emery Singletary's Note secured by Mortgage, it being the School Fund Interest to be applied for schools. 1000.00

Balance of Robert W. Flagg's Note, 400.00

Total — — $5112.95

Liabilities of the Town.

A Note due the Provident Institution for Savings at Boston,	$2000.00
Leaving a balance in favor of the town including school Note.	3112.95

Cost of supporting Poor during past year upon Town farm.

Interest on the farm at 5 pr. cent	150.00
Agents Salary,	200.00
Paid by agent sundry bills in cash & produce	418.03
" Delano Pierce for Medical attendance and Medicine,	30.43
" Henry Parker for Medical attendance and Medicine,	1.56
whole amount of cost of carrying on the farm including expence of supporting paupers past year.	$800.02
From which deduct the amount received by the agent in the products of the farm, by Labour &c.	361.97
Making the balance for support of paupers past year upon the farm.	438.05

This result shows a considerable increase of expence for supporting Paupers upon the farm past year compared with the very favourable report of the preceding year, - yet we are not aware that as strict economy as is consistent with the comfort & convenience of the inmates has not been pursued, - - -

In consequence of the almost unprecidented drought of the past season the products of the farm of all kinds have been remarkable small - not more than half a sufficient quantity of grain has been raised to furnish the the staple articles of food and but very little of produce of any kind to exchange for the necessaries & conveniences of life, - Consequently deficiency has been supplied by drafts upon the Treasury, - -

Whole number supported upon farm past year 10- Number of weeks board is 433. being nearly one third more than of the preceding year - - - -

Average cost pr. week including interest on the establishments. board, clothing Physician's bills is $1.01 ——— .

Expences incured for supporting paupers off of the farm past year. ——

Paid for support of Sally Phillips	$. 19.23
" for support of Lyman & Lucian Stone from April 1st. 1845. to April 1st. 1846.	52.00
" Charles G. Safford for Medical services for Lucian Stone about.	15.00
" for support Mrs. Warren wife of Samuel Warren,	13.57
" for support of Clark H. Brown,	7.00
	$. 106.08
" Luke Leland for journey to Framingham.	3.06
" Lewis Holbrook for two journeys to Rutland.	6.50
" Charles Goddard journey to Sutton,	1.25
" Mrs. Eunice Hayden for support of her insane son	18.86
	$. 135.75
add error.	.66
	$ 136.41
Received of State for State Paupers.	11.56
making balance for support of Paupers off of Poor farm,	$. 124.85

Whole number supported or assisted off of Poor farm 6.
Whole number supported or assisted by the Town past year, 16. ——— .

Whole amount of cost for supporting Poor during past year above receipts. $562.90
Expence of all the Paupers past year exclusive of interest on Poor farm 412.90

The Selectmen also report that they have settled with Jonathan Warren Town Treasurer and have paid through his hands the following sums up to March 2d. 1846. ——

Paid for Schools,	$. 2000.00
" Committee on Bridges	26.59
" Assessing Taxes	91.62
" School Committee	65.97
" Poor on Town farm	201.94
" Poor off of T. farm	141.02
" State Paupers	8.60
" witnesses to Dedham Court	45.32
" Damage allowed C. Goddard and W. L. Fisher for lowering road	30.00
" Repairs on Poor farm Buildings,	51.22

Paid for Burials,	$.136.31
" E. Eaton for damage near Wheeler Briage	12.50
" Breaking roads,	101.81
" Interest on Town Note	100.00
" Sundry other Bills	108.74
	$.3124.64

March 1st. Receipts of the town past year, —

1845. Balance in hands of Treasurer & Collector,	$.986.15
Interest received on E. Singletary's note,	60.00
Cash received on R. W. Flaggs note.	600.00
Received of State Treasury for Schools,	118.24
" of State Treasury for State pauper,	11.56
The amount committed to Sumner Dunsmore for collection being the Town grant overlayings &c. for the year 1845.	3839.62
	$.5615.57
Showing a balance in hands of Treasurer and Collectors,	$.2490.93

Received for use of Town Hall &c. $13.00
Paid for relief of travellers, wood for Town-hall, Books Stationary &c. 13.00

The Selectmen would recommend that the Town authorize the Treasurer to pay $.1000. on their note due at the Institutions for Savings in Boston,

In conclusion the Board would remark in relation to the poor establishment, that the Inmates have enjoyed a usual degree — health during the past year, their condition has been rendered more comfortable at the poor House than they could have expected under any other situation, being relieved from the anxiety & care attendant on indigent circumstances, — In consequence of the severe affliction under which Mr. Brooks & his wife have suffered for many years, and which seems to increase from year to year — the room occupied by them being contiguous to the one occupied by the other inmates it seemed absolutely necessary not only for the comfort, but for the health of the others — that some different arrangement should be made whereby they could be removed at a greater distance from the agents family and the other paupers especially during the warm season — likewise the increasing number of paupers seemed to call for an enlargement of accomodations, The Selectmen having settled the point of necessity the only question with

with them was how should it be done. ——
There was standing on the premises a Carriage House
of little use as it was - and fast going to decay which
might be moved and joined to the wood Shed and fin=
ished into two warm & convenient rooms having
access to the house through the wood Shed, so that they
could live there - retired from the rest of the fam=
ily and still have their wants supplied, ——
This alteration and arrangement it was believed
could be made without incurring great expence -
to the Town, and to call a Town Meeting for this
purpose alone at that busy season, was not considered
expedient, - Therefore we concluded to assume the
responsibility and caused the alterations to be made
at the expence above reported; $51.22 ——
All of which is respectfully submitted, -
Grafton March 22. 1846.

Lewis Holbrook, Samuel Houghton, Rufus E. Warren, Luke Leland, Charles Goddard. } Selectmen of Grafton,

Took up the sixteenth article,

Art. 16th. The Town voted that the Town Treasurer pay one thousand dollars and the interest on a loan at the Provident Institution for savings in the City of Boston. - And that the Treasurer be, and he is hereby author=ized to renew the loan for one thousand dollars for which he shall give the Treasurers of said Town of Grafton's note promising payment of said sum with annual interest,

Took up the fifth article.

Art. 5th. Voted to hear read the Report of the General School Committee, —— . —— . ——

voted to accept the report. —— —

And by vote the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 16th day of March current at one o'clock P. M. -

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

(L.S.) To Mr Joseph Willard, one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, —.

Greeting.

The following is a list of those persons who were this day chosen into office, at a meeting of the inhabitants of said town, and of whom an Oath is by law required; viz: — . —

Jonathan Warren, Town Treasurer. —.

Chandler M. Pratt
Oliver N. Brigham } Assessors,

Samuel A. Dalrymple
Leonard S. Wheelock
James G. Putnam
Joseph Willard. —
Jefferson Bellows. — } Constables,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, within three days from the date hereof, to summon each of the said to appear before me, Clerk of said town, within seven days from the time you shall give such notice, to take the Oath by law prescribed to the Offices unto which they were respectively Chosen. — .

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, within seven days from the date hereof. —

Given under my hand and seal this second day of March 1846. —

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

March 9th. 1846.

I have notified the persons whose names are contained on the within warrant with the exception of Mr. O. N. Brigham who was present when Chosen and accepted (as I am informed) of the Office of Assessor, and Mr. Jefferson Bellows elected as constable, who I have not been able to notify. —

Joseph Willard, Constable.

A Copy.
Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

March 16th. 1846. The Town having met at one o'clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment from the from the second day of March current the following further proceedings were had; to wit:—

Read the proceedings of the last meting,—
voted to take up the tenth article and act thereon,

Art. 10th. Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to examine into the condition of the new Burying ground which is in words and figures following:— . — . —

The Committee appointed for the purpose of examining the new Burying yard, and report how the lots have been taken, have attended to that duty, and ask leave to report, . — . —

your Committee by examining the lots in the yard finds many lots taken by individuals, that have removed out of town, also they find in many lots there is not but one person buried in a lot, that have more relatives here to be buried in the same lot; viz;- Mrs. Susannah Warren, Mr. Horrow Stowe, Mr. John Brigham, Mr. Leland Batchelder, Mr. Timothy H. Merriam, Mrs. John Thurston, and Mr. Newton Stowe. your Committee find many lots taken by persons that have removed from town and have buried only one or two children in each lot; viz:- Mr. John Wheeler Jr. 1. Mr. Jn°. Wesson, 1. Mr. Emery Singletary. 1. — Mr. Stephen Richardson. 1. Mr. Hall. 1. Noah Merriam. 1. Mr. Newton. 1. Elbridge G. Putnam. 1. Mr. Charles Smith. 1. Mr. Jn°. G. Holden. 1. Mr Henry Wesson. 1. Mr. Field. —

The following are the names of persons that have buried 2 Children, Mr. King, Mr. Jn°. C. Knapp Mr. David Packard, Mr. Jon°. Whipple, Mr. Charles M. Fay, your Committee find that three lots have been taken by persons residing out of town; viz:- Mr. Jonas Hastings, Mr. Benj°. Wadsworth and Mr. George Rice, and we are of the opinion that persons residents out of town, should not be permitted to come into town and take up new lots in the burying ground, and do recommend that Mr. Hastings, Mr. Wadsworth and Mr. Rice, be requested to remove their friends from the lots taken by them, and bury their friends among the transient persons buried in said yard. your Committee find that the Revd Mr. Dennis has selected a lot and removed a Child from some other town to this yard, we do not recommend the —

removal of the friend of Mr. Demond, but we recommend not to have any person select a lot to bring friends from other places to bury, your Committee do recommend to have Mr. Hobrade Stow removed to Mr. Lovel Stow's deceased, Mr. Newton Stow to Mr. Jon.a W. Stow's lot, and E. G. Putnam's Child removed to the lot of Mr. John Putnam's, your Committee would recommend that lots that have been taken up by persons removed from town to be filled up by transient persons that are to be buried in this yard, your Committee do recommend that relatives to Mrs Susannah Warren, Mrs. John Thurston, Mr. John Brigham, Mr. Timothy H. Merriam and Mr Leland Batchelder have liberty to take the lots for their use and have their names entered upon the map of the yard at this time. — — — —

Respectfully Submitted — — — — —

Grafton Mar. 16, 1846.

Samuel Wood
Isaac W. Wood
Philip Wing

Mr. Samuel Wood read a Letter from Barton & Bacon stating the situation of the suit brought against the town by William C. Hunneman & Co., and the town voted the Committee formerly chosen be authorized to carry on said suit, or to settle with Messrs. Hunneman & Co. according to their best skill — and judgment. — — —

The Committee chosen at the last meeting to determine the manner of repairing the roads and Bridges within the town the ensuing year, made their report, and the town voted to lay it on the table — — — —

Also a minority report was made, and the town voted to reject it. —

Also voted to dismiss said Committee from any further duty. — — — — —

Mr. 7th voted to choose a Committee one from each highway District to determine the manner of repairing the roads and bridges within the town the ensuing year. — — — — —

By vote chose Joseph Bruce, Leonard Wheelock
Royal A. Keith, Horace P. Brown
Benjamin W. Fay, William T. Barker
Joseph Merriam Jr., Mowry Farnum,

By vote chose Cromwell Laithe, Lawson Munyan, Jonathan W. Stow, Oliver M. Brigham, Joseph Kimball, } Committee to determine the manner of repairing the roads and bridges.

voted to take up the fifth article,

Art. 5th. voted to amend the Selectmen's report on Guide Posts voted to accept said report which is in the following words and figures; viz:—

The undersigned Selectmen beg leave to present their Report of all the places in which Guide posts are erected, and such other places which in their opinion they ought to be erected and maintained within the town of Grafton, as follows. At the corner of the roads near the house of Calvin W. Forbush, at the corner near the house of Jonathan D. Wheler, at the corner near the house of Samuel Allen, at the corner near the house of Robert Prentiss, at the corner of the Sutton & Uxbridge roads, a little South of the last named place, at the corner near the house of Joseph Bruce, at the corner near the house of Jonathan Sibley, at the corner near the house of Wm. A. Fisk, at the corner between the last named place and the house of John Dunn, at the corner a little North of the house of Henry D. Howard, at the corner near the Indian burial ground, at the corner near the Meeting house in Farnums ville, at the corner near the house of David Farnum, at the corner near the house of the late Timothy Gleason, at the corner of the roads in Saunders ville, at each of the corners between Fishers ville, and the house of Austin Holbrook, at the corner near the house of Otis Converse, at the corner near the house of Leander S. Pratt, at each of the corners between the burying ground and the house of Samuel Dispeau, at the corner near the house of Leonard S. Whitlock, at the corner of the Providence and Westboro roads west of the last named place, at the corner near the house of Mr. Bassett, at the corner near the Meeting-house in N. E. Village, at each of the corners near the house of Jasper W. Putnam, at each of the corners northerly of Tarrant Merriams, at the corner near the house of Charles I. Fay, at the corner near the house of Nathan S. Whitlock,

at the corner near the house of the late Elijah Brookes, at the corner near the house of Solomon C. Goulding, at the corner near the house of Asahel Fairbanks, at the corner near the house of Joseph Kimball, at the corner little north of the house of Solomon Carroll. —

all of which is Respectfully Submitted,

March 16th. 1846. —

Luke Leland
Charles Goddard
Philip Wing
A. F. Smith
} Select-men of Grafton

voted to take up the fourteenth article,

Art. 14th. voted the Selectmen call on the Surveyors of Highway Surveyors of the town for the year 1845. to make a report of their doings. —

voted to take up the thirteenth article,

Art. 13th. voted the Selectmen cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12. M. and 9 P. M. the ensuing year. — .

voted to take up the fourth article,

Art. 4th voted to have two fence viewers the ensuing year.

By vote Chose Benjamin Aldrich
" " " Austin Holbrook
} Sworn April 6th. 1846 — Fence viewers. —

voted to have two sealers of Leather

" " " John Whitney
Lovell Stowe
} Sworn March 26. 1846. Sealers of Leather,

voted to have two surveyors of Lumber,

" " " Philip Wing
John H. Mercuire
} Surveyors of Lumber,

voted the Selectmen appoint the measurers of wood and Bark for the ensuing year, —

voted to have two Field drivers the ensuing year.

By vote Chose Joshua Spear
" " " Jonas B. Brigham
} Sworn April 7th 1846 Field Drivers,

voted to have six more.

" " " Asa Smith
" " " Jesse Farnum
" " " Winthrop Faulkner
" " " Sumner C. Stow
" " " Charles D. Munroe
" " " David White
} Sworn March 23. 1846. Field Drivers, Sworn March 23. 1846. Sworn April 23. 1846.

" " " Leander S. Pratt. Pound Keeper,

By vote chose, Nathan Hancock. Sealer of weights and Measures. – who was Sworn April 3. 1846. –

voted to have three for auditing Committee.
" " " Winthrop Faulkner
Ebenezer Aldrich –
Charles A. Pierce –. } Auditing Committee

voted to have two Fire wards the ensuing year,
" " " Solomon Carroll
" " " Winthrop Faulkner } accepts March 23. 1846.
voted to add ten more.
" " " C. M. Pratt's accepts March 23. 1846.
" " " Jon.a D. Wheler accepts March 23. 1846
" " " David Jourdan accepts March 23. 1846
" " " Elijah B. Brooks. Fire Wards. – accepts April 4. 1846
" " " Esek Saunders accepts March 23. 1846
" " " James G. Putnam declines March 23. 1846
" " " John W. Slocomb declines accepting Mar 23. 1846.
" " " David Chase. – accepts March 26. 1846
" " " Barnabas Newton declines March 23. 1846
Declines " Mowry Farnum. declines March 27. 1846

voted to take up the fifteenth article. –
Art. 15th. voted to accept the following amounts. – . –.

Charles Prentice for recording Taxes		5.00
W. & W. & J. S. Miller		3.38
Benjamin D. Peck		23.00
Joseph H. Whitney		17.09
Thos. C. Biscoe		25.00
Barnabas Newton		4.50
Sam.l F. Redding		2.50
Samuel Hall		84.00
Edmund B. Wilson		24.00
		$188.47

And by vote the Meeting was adjourned to Monday 23d. March Current at one o' clock P. M. –

Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

To Mr. Samuel A. Dalrymple, one of the Constables of
[25] of the Town of Grafton, — . — Greeting, —
The following is a list of those persons who were this day chosen into Offin, at a meeting of the inhabitants of said town, and of whom an oath is by law required, viz: —

Benjamin Aldrich
Austin Holbrook, — } Fence viewers,

John W Whitney
Lovell Stowell } Sworn March 26th. 1846. Sealers of Leather

Philip Wing
John H. Merriam } Surveyors of Lumber,

Joshua Spear, —
Jonas B Brigham
Asa Smith
Jesse Farnum,
Winthrop Faulkner
Sumner C. Stow
Charles D. Monroe
David White, — } Sworn Apl. 20. 1846. Field Drivrs, — . —

Leander S. Pratt, Pound keeper, —

Nathan Hancock. Sealer of weights & Measures, —

Solomon Carroll.
Winthrop Faulkner,
Chandler M. Pratt,
Jonathan D. Wheler
David Jourdan,
Elijah B. Brooks,
Esek Saunders,
James G. Putnam,
John W. Slocomb
David Chase,
Barnabas Newton,
Mowry Farnum, } Firewards, —

The firewards you will notify immediately, that within three days after your notice to enter with the Town Clerk, his acceptance or refusal of the said Offin, —

And you are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, — within three days from the date hereof, to — summon each of the said persons to appear —

before me, Clerk of said Town, within seven days from the time you shall give such notice, to take the oath by law prescribed to the offices unto which they are respectively chosen, —

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, within seven days from the date hereof, —

Given under my hand and seal this sixteenth day of March 1846. —.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Grafton March 21. 1846. Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and summoned the several persons within named and for the purposes within mentioned, —

Samuel A. Dalrymple, Constable of Grafton,

A Copy attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk —,

March 23d. 1846. The Town having met at 1. o'clock P.M. pursuant to adjournment from the sixteenth day of March current, the following further proceedings were had; to wit: — — — — — — — — — — —

Read the proceedings of the last meeting,

By Ballot chose Otis Adams, Moderator pro tempore,

voted to take up the 14th article.

Art 14th. The Selectmen Made their report of the doings of the Highway Surveyors of the Town for the year 1845. —

The town voted that all monies not collected by the several Highway Surveyors of the Town for the year 1845 be collected by them and paid into the Treasury, — — — — —

All of which the Town voted to accept. —

Art 7th. voted to accept the Report of the Committee Chosen to determine the Manner of repairing the roads and bridges within the Town the ensuing year, which is in the words and figures following; to wit: —

The undersigned a Committee Chosen by the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, at a legal meeting called for that purpose, to take into consideration the subject

of repairing the roads and bridges the ensuing year, and recommend some plan more equal and effectual for the town to adopt than the present, have attended that duty and ask leave to report, That they would recommend that the town appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the repair of roads & bridges whose sluices are under eight feet, —

That the Town be divided in to thirteen Districts by the Select-men, and their limits assigned by them, to each of the Surveyors, —

That the town choose thirteen good and discreet men by ballot, one from each district to be highway Surveyors, who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duty in repairing all the roads and bridges within his respective district, agreeable to such directions as may be committed to him by the Selectmen or Assessors —

The work to be commenced immediately, — That one half of the Money at last above named, be expended before the first day of July next, two thirds of the other half before the first day of November next following, and the remainder to be expended in the winter in removing snow if necessary to render the roads safe and convenient for travellers, if not needed for that purpose then to be expended as soon as may be in the Spring following, each District to receive its due proportion, and the several Surveyors are required to render their account to the Selectmen on the first Mondays of July and November, and to make a further report of their doings to the town on the first Monday of March 1847. ——

That the assessors apportion to each District such amount of money as they may think just and proper. — — — — — — —

And your Committee would further recommend that a bridge Committee be chosen by ballot to take Special Charge of all the bridges belonging to the town whose sluices are eight feet and upwards, to cause the same to be kept in repair, and to rebuild if necessary, and cause suitable railings to be prefixed, as well on the embankments leading to, as to the bridges, and also to cause railings to be prefixed by the side of roads throughout the town where necessary to render such places more safe for the traveller than at present, ——

The foregoing is the plan which your Committee unanimously would recommend to the inhabitants of the town to adopt the present year, —

And are not able to conceive of any reasonable objections that can be seriously urged against the plan, for we assume, that the Surveyors will readily employ all such men as wish to work on the roads, who have good teams, and are ready to work faithfully, and also those who have no teams if they perform well, and thus it will readily seem, that we have none left to complain but those who have been in the habit of rendering little or no service to the town in working out their tax, and the Committee hope if there has hitherto any such been found there will not be now, —

The Committee are unwilling to dismiss this subject without suggesting to the inhabitants of the town, a plan for repairing their roads which they deem better for the town to adopt than the one above recommended, or indeed any other that they now have in mind, which is to choose a Committee of three to take the charge and superintendance of all roads within the town and cause the same to be repaired summer and winter throughout the town, having no specific Districts within the town, but all as one district, but your Committee having doubts whether the town would sustain this plan at present conclude not to recommend it for their adoption now, —

In conclusion, your Committee would here suggest, that in coming to an agreement, to recommend the above plan to be adopted, they had in mind, That when the Surveyors present their accounts to the Selectmen on the first Mondays of July, November, and March, they shall receive severally orders on the Treasurer for the amount then expended,

All which is respectfully submitted, —

Joseph Brown	Oliver M. Brigham
Joseph Kimball	Benjamin W. Gay
Lawson Munyan	Jon^{a} W. Stow
Cromwell Little	Wm T. Barker
R. A. Keith	Mowry Farnum,

Voted to take up the 4th Article and act thereon,

Art. 4th By Ballot chose Jeremiah S. Holmes — Sworn March 23. 1846.
" " " Moses Roberts. — Sworn March 28. 1846.
" " " Lawson Munyan — Sworn March 28. 1846.
" " " Harvey J. Pratt, — Sworn March 23. 1846.
" " " Otis Adams. — Sworn March 23. 1846.
" " " James Greenwood — Sworn March 28. 1846.
Sworn April 6. 1846. " " " Russell Wheelock — Highway Surveyors,
" " " Erastus Fisher — Sworn March 23. 1846.
" " " Elijah Stowe — Sworn March 23. 1846.
" " " William T. Barker — Sworn April 4. 1846.
" " " Luke Leland — Sworn March 23. 1846.
" " " Lewis Holbrook — Sworn March 23. 1846.
" " " Jonathan W. Stow — Sworn April 6. 1846.

voted to choose a Committee of three to take special charge of all Bridges belonging to the Town whose sluices are eight feet and upwards, —

By Ballot chose Otis Adams, Jeremiah S. Holmes, Oliver M. Brigham } Bridge Committee,

voted to choose six more [illegible] Fire wards,

By vote chose Leonard S. Wheelock — accepts Mar. 26. 1846.
" " " Jefferson Bellows — accepts Mar. 28. 1846.
" " " Philip Wing. — accepts Mar 28. 1846.
" " " A. F. Smith. — accepts Mar 26. 1846.
" " " Charles Goddard — accepts Mar 24. 1846.
" " " Luke Leland — accepts Mar 28. 1846.
} Fire wards

" " " Rufus W. Davenport — Sworn March 26. 1846.
Elijah Stowe. — Sworn March 26. 1846.
} Field Drivers,

voted to choose a Committee of three to carry into effect the report of the Committee chosen to report to the Town, the condition of the new Burying ground. —

By vote chose the former Committee, viz: —

Samuel Wood, Isaac W. Wood, Philip Wing } said Committee,

voted to choose a committee of three to make the road from near Hollis Chamberlains to Westborough line, — —

By vote chose Oliver M. Brigham, Joseph Kimball, Lowell Baker. } Committee, — — —

Took up the Sixth article.

Art. 6th. Voted to grant the sum of Five thousand dollars to defray town charges the present year, —

Voted to appropriate the sum of two thousand Dollars with what comes from the Commonwealth, and interest of the School note, for — Schooling the ensuing year,
Two thirds for winter and one third for Summer Schools,
The money for winter Schools to be expended between the first day of ~~October~~ October and the first day of April next following, and the money for Summer Schools to be expended between the first day of April next, and the first day of October following, —

Voted to appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the repair of Highways and Sluices under eight feet, the ensuing year,

Art. 8th. Voted, Those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within thirty days from the twelfth day of July next, — Shall have a discount Made on their taxes as follows,
To such as pay within thirty days 5 per. Cent. within 60. days 4 per cent, within 90 days 3 per Cent. and within 120 days 2 per cent, —
Provided however no discount is to be made on any Poll tax paid after the first 60 days, —
All Poll Taxes to be collected within sixty days from the said 12th day of July, and the remainder of all taxes to be collected and paid into the Treasury by the first day of January next, and the Collector shall pay over to the Treasurer all monies by him collected as often as once in 30 days from said 12th. day of July until the whole shall be collected and paid over to the Treasurer,

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the Sixth day of April next at 1. o'Clock P. M. —

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

April 6th. 1846. The Town having met at 1. o'clock P.M, Pursuant to adjournment from the twenty third day of March last past, the following further proceedings were had to wit: —

Read the proceedings of the last Meting. —

Took up the eighth article, —

Art. 8th. voted to set up the collection of taxes to the lowest bidder he giving bond satisfactory to the Selectmen, and it was Struck off to Edward B. Bigelow at one and one eighth per cent, — . —

voted to Choose a collector of taxes for the ensuing year, — . — . —

By Ballot chose Edward B. Bigelow, Collector of taxes for the ensuing year, who was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty July 30th 1846 By me Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Art. 9th voted the town pay the sexton, for diging and filling grave, ringing the Bell to give notice of the Death, tolling it at the funeral, and attending with with his horse and the town's Hearse, one dollar and seventy five cents, Also that the friends of the deceased pay him one dollar More for his services, — . — . —.

Art. 10th By vote chose Samuel F. Stone Pound Keeper in place of Leander S. Pratt, declined serving, who come forward and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office. April 6th. 1846. —

Motion was made to reconsider the accepting the Selectmen's Report so much as relates to the thirty dollars paid to Charles Goddard and Waterman A. Fisher and the vote passed in the affirmative 39. to 8. —

voted to Choose a Committee of three to examine into the condition of the Gravel hill near the house of Perley Goddard and to investigate the circumstances in relation to the same and report at a Subsequent Meting, — . — . —

By vote chose Samuel Allen, Joseph Bruce, Edward B. Bigelow } Committee.

voted to reconsider so much of the Report of the doings of the several Highway Surveys for the year 1845. as relates to Levi Green's returns, — voted to Choose a Committee of three to look into it and make report at a subsequent meting, — . — . —

By vote chose Samuel Woods, Lovell Baker, Rufus E. Warren } Committee,

By vote the meting was dissolved. Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Grafton would ask leave to submit to said Town the following,

Report.

That they have caused the several Highway Surveyors for the year past to be notified to exhibit to the Selectmen on or before the 21st inst. each one his respective tax bill together with an account of all Moneys by him expended on the ways during the time that each of them have been in said office, (excepting Mr Elijah Howe who has previously complyed with the above requisition and we find his account correct and the Money all expended) we would further state that on examining the records we found that thirteen Surveyors were chosen, but eleven of whom were sworn into office, and consequently in a legal point there has been two vacancies in the Highway districts during the whole year, — — —

The following is the substance of the accounts of the several Surveyors as they have been exhibited,

Levi Green, exhibited an account, full amount, $.310.75 — Tax not collectable $2.56. — Tax uncollected, $.6.00. —

Jefferson Bellows exhibited tax bill $.141.75 all expended, . — . — .

Peter Hunt exhibited tax bill, all expended,

Joseph Willard, exhibited tax bills, all expended but 61 Cents, — . —

Edwards W. Green exhibited tax bill, all expended but $2.89. — . —

Charles B. Demond exhibited tax bill all expended but 53 Cents, —

Ebenezer R. Dodge. exhibited tax bill, all expended but 25 Cents. —

Ebenezer Lincoln, exhibited tax bill, all expended, — . — .

John H. Merriam exhibited tax bill all expended, — . — .

Levi N. Leland exhibited tax bill all expended, — . — .

The following persons that were chosen and not sworn have exhibited tax bill from the assessors as follows,

Austin Holbrook, all erased out but, 75 Cents, —

Charles Prentice 2d. all expended but $.8.10.—

all which is respectfully submitted —

Luke Leland
Charles Goddard
Ezek Saunders
Philip Wing
A. F. Smith

A Copy.
attest, Charles Prentice Town Clerk. — . —

The Committee chosen by the Town to repair all bridges that have sluices eight feet wide and over, have attended to that duly and report. —

The number of bridges that come within the dimentions assigned them was twenty three, of which five are now built permanently with stones, the others are of wood, some are new, others nearly so while others are mostly worn out, — your Committee think it will be necessary to build two or three the coming season, your committee have built two bridges new the past season & covered a new two others, Canal bridges & repaired many others, on which they have expended the sum of $47.45 cts as will be shown by the following bills, —

Town Dr.	To Austin Holbrook. bill for Labour & Materials. —		$.11.55
	Noah Fletcher bill for Labour. — , —		5.62
	Ethan R Thompson bill for labour. .		.83
	Philip Wing bill for labour & Materials .		26.45
	Leonard Wheelock bill for labour ,		3.00
			$.47.45
Cr.	By 2240 feet of plank sold Sylvanus Holbrook of Northbridge at twelve dollars pr. thousand. — —		$.26.88
	by old bridge plank sold . .		2.00
June 3d.	by an order on the Town Treasurer . .		20.00
			$.48.88
			47.45
	Balance in the hands of the Committee in favor of Town		$. 1.43

Respectfully Submitted

Grafton March 16th. 1846.

Philip Wing
Austin Holbrook
Leonard Wheelock.

A Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, — .

To Mr. Samuel A. Dalrymple, one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, —

Greeting,

The following is a list of those persons who were this day chosen into Office (or appointed by the Selectmen) at a meeting of the Inhabitants of said town, and of whom an Oath is by law required; viz:—

Moses Roberts
Lawson Munyan
James Greenwood
Russell Wheelock
William T. Barker
Jonathan W. Stowe
} Highway Surveyors, —

Rufus W. Davenport
Elijah Stowe
} Field Drivers, —

Leonard S. Wheelock
Jefferson Bellows
Asa F. Smith, —
Charles Goddard
Luke Leland
Philip Wing
} Fire wards, who you will notify forthwith, that within three days after notice to enter with the Town Clerk, his acceptance or refusal of said Office; Revised Statutes Chap. 18. Sec. 2. —

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, within three days from the date hereof, to summon each of said persons to appear before me, Clerk of said town, within seven days from the time you shall give such notice, to take the oath by law prescribed to the Offices unto which they respectively Chosen,

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, within seven day from the date hereof, —

Given under my hand and Seal this twenty third day of March, in the year 1846. —

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

A Correct Copy.
Attest, — Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

We the subscribers, Samuel F. Redding, and Joshua Congdon, both of Grafton, have this day divided the fence between the land owned and occupied by us respectively, and which adjoining — and agree that the said Redding his heirs and assigns shall build and maintain forever, the westerly half thereof, and the said Congdon his heirs and assigns the easterly half thereof, —

In witness whereof we have here unto set our hands this twenty fourth day of February A.D. 1846.

Joshua Congdon
Sam.l F. Redding.

Witness. Sarah E Congdon
Richard Bolin

A Correct Copy attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of worcester, Greeting, —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday sixth day of April next at four o' clock P.M. to act on the following articles; viz; —

1st. To choose a moderator, — . —.

2d. To see if the town will request the Select men to annex to the Centre Districts, That portion of the highway which the the Select men have lately set of from said Centre district to the Brigham Hill district or act thereon in any other manner. — . —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public meting-houses in the centre of said Town, and at the Meting-house in New England village, to stand, one two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meting, — . —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meting as aforesaid, — . —

Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six. — . —

Luke Leland
Charles Goddard
Philip Wing
A. G. Smith
} Select-men of Grafton,

Worcester, ss. April 6th. 1846.

I have served this warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the Town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton.

A Correct Copy.
Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

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At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the Sixth day of April A.D. 1846 at 4. O'clock P.M. the following proceedings were had; viz: — —

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Otis Adams, Moderator,

Art. 2d. The town voted to request the Selectmen to set back that portion of the road lately set off from the Centre District by the Selectmen to the Brigham Hill district, and by vote, the meting was dissolved.

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester,

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the eighteenth day of May instant, at three o'clock, P.M. to act on the following articles, viz: — . . — . —

1st. To choose a Moderator for said meeting. —

2d. To see what order the town will take respecting the alteration of the present travelled way on the location of a new County road by the County Commissioners as petitioned for by Samuel Wood and others, beginning near the house of Mr. Darius Rice in Worcester, and extending to the Common in the centre village in the town of Grafton, — . — . —

3d. To see if the town will authorise some person or persons to take charge of the Common to keep the fence in repair without expence to the town further than the property of said Common. —

4th. To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon, — .

5th. To accept town debts, — . — .

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public meeting-houses in the center of said town, and at the meeting-house in New England Village, to stand over two Sundays at least, before the time of holding said meeting, —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as afore saide, —

Given under our hands this fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six. —

Luke Leland
Charles Goddard
Esek Saunders
Philip Wing, — } Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester, ss.

May 18th. 1846. —

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public meeting-houses in the town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant,

Charles Prentice { Constable of Grafton

A correct Copy, —
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 18th day of May A.D. 1846. the following proceedings were had to wit: — . — . — . —

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Otis Adams, Moderator,

Art. 2d. voted to choose an agent to act on this article as the town shall direct, — . . . . . .
Voted to choose the agent by ballot. —
By Ballot chose Luke Leland, Agent, —
Motion was made to instruct the agent to oppose the layout of a new County road from Grafton Common to pass near the Burying-ground, —
Divided the house and 29 against the road 35 for it.
Divided the house the second time and 30 against it & 36 for it.
Voted to excuse Luke Leland as agent by his request. — .

Art. 2d. Voted to reconsider the vote taken to choose an agent to oppose the layout of a new County road and it passed in the affirmative. .— . —. — . —

Art. 3d. Voted to choose a Committee of three to take General Charge of the Common without any expence to the town further than the property of said Common, viz:— to repair the fence of said Common, take Charge of the trees, Posts, hay &c. and to remove or cause all obstructions to be removed and kept from said Common,

By Vote Chose Calvin W. Forbush
William Ayres.
E. B. Bigelow, } Committee

Art. 4th. The Committee Chosen April 6th. to examine the Gravel pit so called. Made their report. Motion was made and seconded to lay the report on the table put to Vote 17 yeas 24 Nays. — Voted to accept the report 24 yeas 13 Nays — and the report was accepted. ——

The Committee chosen to examine the account of Levi Green Highway Surveyor of District No. 1. for the year 1845. Made their report, motion was made to accept the report, which was accepted by Vote.

Art. 5th. Voted to accept the following accounts. all being Audited. viz: —

John H. Merriam	aut.	$7.90
Charles B Demond	"	21.70
Charles Prentiss	"	40.76
Moses H Adams	"	8.00
Ebenezer Lincoln	"	5.50
Austin Holbrook	"	9.00
Do	Do	" 7.30
Charles B Jenks	"	7.25
Peter H Hunt,	"	14.80
Joseph Willard	"	9.90
Levi & Leland	"	5.00
Elijah How	"	8.40
Charles B Demond	"	5.50

Voted to reject the following accounts.
Luke Lelands aut.
Lewis Holbrook. "
Samuel Houghton "
Charles Goddard. "

We the undersigned, a Committee Chosen for the purpose of examining the account of Mr. Levi Green as Highway Surveyor for the year 1845. have attended to that duty and ask leave to report. — Your Committee have examined Mr Greens account and finds it not very satisfactory to them as respects his charging for his labor rendered, Sixty three days, worked in the following Months during the year 1845. March 3 days, April 6 days May 11½ days, June 11 days, July 2 days, August 2 days. September 13½ days, October 4 days, November 2½ days, In the year 1846. Feby. 3½ days, March 5 days, Mr Green has charged in his account a days work at 10 hours, and kept his account by the hour, In the Month of June 1845. he has Charged that he worked. 13 & 14 hours in a day in Sept. 12 & 13 hours in a day, in Oct. 12 & 13 hours in a day. Your Committee do not charge Mr Green with any intention of charging for more labor done than was actual done by himself, we think he must have made a very great mistake in keeping his account for the work done by himself, we find the labor he has worked out by his account by the inhabitants of the District only 189.51. and he has charged one third of that amount for overseeing that amount of labor, your Committee have made inquiries of several Highway Surveyors that have served in the Center District for years previous, and find the amount charged by them to be from seven to twelve dollars a year we find the difference to be so great in Mr. Greens charges and the Surveyors that have served previous, that it is not possible for us to account for it, unless, there has been a great Mistake in the account of Mr Green, your Committee have heard much complaint by individuals of the District, that there was not more work done upon the roads last year, It does not seem possible to your Committee, that by what they can learn that there was as much Money expended on the road in work as represented by Mr Green.

Respectfully Submitted

Samuel Wood
Lovel Baker
Reuse E. Warren
} Committee

A correct Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

Isaac L Brown, Sworn April 6. 1846. Measurer of wood & Bark.
Erastus Fisher Sworn April 6. 1846 Measurer of wood & Bark.
Joseph Kimball Sworn Ap. 6. 1846 Measurer of wood & Bark,

Benjamin Aldrich Sworn Sworn Fence Viewer 1846.

The Committee chosen at the last town Meeting to examine the Gravel-pit, so called, and investigate the facts and circumstances, in relation to the allowance of compensation to Messrs Goddard & Fisher. for — damages allowed to have been sustained, by them, in consequence of lowering the road adjoining their land for the repair of the highways = report as follows, —

The Committee have obtained the principal facts upon which, the report is founded, from the written and verbal communications of the Selectmen of last year, a part of whom, allowed the compensation and from the town and County records which are as follows — on the 9th day of May A.D. 1845. Messrs. Goddard and Fisher made to the Selectmen, a complaint in writing, signed by them, in which they say that they have sustained damage, in their land, by reason of the lowering of the road, adjoining their lands, for the repairs of the highway &c, and requesting them to view the premises, and allow damage, The above is the substance, though not the precise words of the complaint.

The Selectmen, soon after met and viewed the road &c. but did not then, agree on the amount of compensation, to be allowed = about two months after this, they came to the conclusion, to allow Mr Goddard, the sum of twenty dollars; and Mr. Fisher the sum of ten dollars, in full, they say for all damages they have sustained, in their lands for all the gravel that has been removed, from the places afore said, for the repairs or improvement of the highway; since that portion of road, had been annexed to the centre Districts; up to the time, said road was examined by the Selectmen, This is the language of a majority of the Selectmen who allowed the Damage, in their written communication to us = a communication which furnishes so much important information, upon the — subject that, we ask leave to Annex it to, and make it a part of our report, — — —

We find also by examining the records of the town that, the portion of road, above refered to, was annexed to the Centre District, on the first of May A.D. 1842.= We find also, on the records of the Registry of Deds for this County = That, Mr. Fishers deed of the land alledged to have been injured, bears date the 30th day of August, A.D. 1844. and Mr. Goddards Deed of his land bears date, August 25th. 1843. —

It appears therefore, —

that the sum of $10.00 allowed Mr Fisher was for damage done between the first of May 1842. and the forepart of May 1845. That Mr. Fisher did not own the land said to have been injured, untill the 30th. of August 1844. and from the information we have been able to obtain, the Selectmen who allowed the damage being silent, as to the precise time or times, when the damage was done; the damage, if any was done to Mr Fisher, was done, before the 30th of August 1844. and — consequently before he owned the lands — an allowance for damage to Mr. Fisher done before the 30th of August 1844. the date of his Deed we think could not legally be made, and that Mr. Fisher is liable to refund it, —

all the gravel that was carried away from the gravel pit, aforesaid, between the 30th of August 1844, after Mr Fisher bought the lands, was carried away — by Mr. Holbrook, one of the Selectmen for the years — 1844 & 45, who allowed the damages, Mr. Green the Surveyor of the Centre Districts in 45. says that he took 4 or 5 loads of gravel from the north side of the roads, and without lowering it, early in the Spring of 45, and before it was examined by the Selectmen, in 45. when they allowed the damage, which was all that was taken before the examination. The gravel, taken by Mr. Holbrook, was carried away in the fall of 44. and put upon two small pieces of road, near the common, which he made upon a contract with the other Selectmen; and for which, it appears, he received the sum of $45.00 Dollars, — The circumstances under which Mr Holbrook removed the gravel, seem to be a sufficient guarantee, that, he would not, and did not, injure the land of Mr Fisher, and if he did, it may be a question whether the town ought to suffer for it, The same objection lies, though not with quite so much force, against the amount of compensation allowed to Mr. Goddard, —

Large quantities, of Gravel were taken from the pit, or road in 1842. by Mr Brigham the Surveyor of the Centre Districts, for that year not quite so much however, by Mr Converse, the Surveyor in 1843. All the gravel taken during these two years, was taken into consideration, by the Selectmen, in determining the amount of compensation which was allowed, Mr, Goddard, although he did not own the land, during either of these years, — If any damage was done to Mr. Goddard's land, for which he could receive compensation, it must have been done between the 25th of August 1843. and the 9th of May 1845.

But as some was carried away to damage him in the Spring of 45. before the complaint was made, we think the damage must have been done for which compensation was allowed in the three years preceding 1845. to wit:- 42. 3 and 4: and supposing the damage actually done to the estate now owned by Mr. Goddard during those three years, to be $20.00 Dollars, the sum allowed in full for all Gravel carried away, - during that time; the question then, is how much, ought the Selectmen to have deducted, in making up their judgments for the damage done in the two years when Mr. Goddard did not own the land, It certainly is something, which would be found by computation amounts to $6.67 cts a year, upon this basis, the damage which accrued in the two years, before Mr. Goddard owned the Estate, would be $13.34 cts which should have been deducted, from the $20.00 allowed by them for the three years; because it accrued before he owned the Estate, If the Selectmen had made that deduction, it would have left a balance of $6.66 cts, that being the exact amount of damage - sustained by Mr. Goddard, during the year in which he owned the land = The law to which the Select Men refer in their communication, and by which, they seem to have been governed in Making their decision, in this case is as follows. When any owner of land, adjoining a highway, or town way, shall sustain any damage in his property, by reason of any raising, lowering or other act, done for the purpose of repairing such way, the owner shall have compensation therefor, to be determined by the Selectmen &c. ——————————————————

This law went into operation, and has been in force, since May 1836. before that time, no law existed, by which, an individual could obtain compensation, for any injury, he might receive, by any repairs that might be made, upon the highway — Surveyors had a right to dig, for turf, loam, Marl, or gravel in any where, in the limits of the high way, and adjoining owners owners had no remedy for any damage they might sustain thereby. — But the law is now altered so far that adjoining owners can recover damage although, the power of the surveyors, it is believed, still remains the same, upon examining this law to which the Selectmen. ——

refer, and applying it to the facts, as stated in their communication to the Committee, your Committee are at a loss to find, for what particular injury, the compensation aforesaid was allowed. The Law gives compensation for any injury sustained, by reason of raising, lowering or any other acts done for the purpose of repairing such way. This is the language of the act, and the injuries mentioned or particularly described for which compensation can be allowed, are the raising & lowering the road. These seem to be the two principal causes for which compensation can be allowed, — But the Selectmen, it seems, allowed no compensation for injuries of this kind. ——

They tell us, that they allowed the compensation for what? For "all the gravel, that had been removed from the places aforesaid, for the repair or improvement of the highways" not for the raising or lowering it — The other causes for which, compensation can be allowed, besides, raising and lowering — such way." are any other acts done for the purpose of repairing such way. This any other acts is almost a general term, and seems broad enough to include almost every thing, but it does not include the Gravel, for which the compensation was allowed. It includes nothing but acts" any other acts for the purpose of repairing such way, means the way repaired = But the such way, for the purpose of repairing which, the Gravel was removed, was not adjoining the lands of the complainants — nor was that portion of it taken by Mr. Holbrook, taken for the repair of any way; but for the making and building of two new roads, — on the Common — It seems therefore, that the compensation was not allowed the complainants raising or lowering the road, or any other acts done for the purpose of repairing such way — which means the way by the gravel Pit — the only causes for which it could legally have been allowed, but it was allowed, for all the gravel &c. —— If any damages could have been allowed by Law — we think they should have been allowed for the lowering of the road, at the gravel pits, adjoining the lands of the Complainants, as they requested the Selectmen to do, in their complaint — But as the Selectmen did not comply with the request of the Complainants, as made in their complaint. The Committee have come to the conclusion that the Complainants sustained no damage, by reason of lowering the roads = another reason for this conclusion is, that if any damage —

was done to the Estate of the complainants, it was done by lowering the roads, and as the Selectmen had it in their power, and it was their duty to set off the benefits, which the Complainants might derive from the repair of the way, against the injuries they might receive – the fair presumption is that, they did so – and in so doing they come to the conclusion that the complainants had sustained on the whole, no damages, unless the gravel which was taken away was the property of the Complainants, for which it would be allowed, and believing it to be so, – under a Mistake, we think of the law, they allowed the Compensation for the gravel which was removed &c, here they ought not and could not legally do &c, – . – – – – – – –

An other reason, why we think the Selectmen could not have allowed the damage they did it, that the Selectmen of towns, are officers for the time being – for one year only, and therefore, cannot adjudicate upon, and allow compensation for damages, done in years long passed – This conclusion is sustained, by the fact, that, there is no civil injury which a man can sustain, but that we finds upon the Statute Book, some limitation of time, within which, the remedy must be applyed – In this case, there is no limitation of time in which to Commence prosecuting, unless it is contained in the Statute which gives the remedy, If therefore the law which has been refered to, does not limit the complainants, to the year, in which the injury is done, in which to bring the Matter before the Selectmen – There are no limits to the Complainants action whatever, If we examine the Sec – of the act which applies to this Subject – it says "When a man shall sustain any damage &c" it shall be determined by the Selectmen &c meaning we think, the Selectmen for the time being; – because the When is a word, which qualifies the damages sustained, and is equipolent in its meaning, to, at which time; that is, at which time the damage is done – to wit: – during the term of Office of the Selectmen, it shall be determined by them &c, – – –

Were it not so, a man might claim damage any number of years after it had been sustained, and when the Selectmen, to whom he might apply for compensation

could have no personal knowledge of the facts, it would also lead to great difficulties, and embarrassments, in consequence of the extreme difficulty, which exists, in keeping the roads in repair, in our Country villages, as the law now is, without raising or lowering the roads, to the injury in some degree, of adjoining owners, an other evil consequence which would follow, if a man injured in his property could keep his claim a live, from year to year, is that it might induce him, to labor for a board of Selectmen, to suit his own particular purpose, and in time, he might obtain compensation for injuries which none but the Selectmen, might think he had sustained —

The Committee are satisfied upon the whole evidence they have been able to obtain, in the course of their investigation, that the Selectmen, although they might have acted honestly, in giving the compensation to the Complainants which they did — Yet they acted under such a Mistake, both of the law and the facts, that, it would not amount to any legal and binding adjudication — and that the Town, if they please, can recover back the whole amount, allowed to Mr. Fisher; and we think, all that was all that was allowed to Mr. Goddard, at least, the sum of $13.34 cts which accrued before Mr. Goddard owned the land — Perhaps the Gentlemen who received the compensation, upon reflection, may be induced to refund the money — If they do not the Committee do not recommend a law suit, to recover it, especially, if the town can be permitted, without further trouble or molestation, to reduce the hill, at the gravel pit, in such manner, as to make the road the best it can be made, for public use; — and then, we advise, that no more gravel be taken from there — It would require, some two or three years it is probable, in which, to take away the gravel beneficially to the town, —

Here we might make an end of our report, but in justice to Mr. Warren one of the Selectmen at that time we are perhaps bound to state that he differed entirely with that portion of the board who allowed the compensation not only in opinion that nothing should have been allowed but he makes a somewhat different statement of facts from that contained in the written communication to us — It is there stated that Mr. Warren took no part in determining the compensation, but took himself off the board in that respect

Mr. Warren says he was present at the time of examination and was opposed to the allowance of any damage to the complainants, but after it was determined by a majority of the board that the complainants were entitled to damage, he says that the whole board excepting Mr. Goddard who was interested chalked upon it for the purpose of agreeing on the amount of compensation, That he chalked nothing to be allowed, but the aggregate of the other three chalks, was $53.00 —

And that a question then arose by what number the whole amount of their opinions should be divided to ascertain the average amount to be allowed. — He contending that $53.00 should be divided by four the whole number and the others by three because Mr Warren did not chalk anything, if the $53.00 had been devided by three, the compensation to Mr. Goddard would have been $17.33 and if devided by 4 the whole number of Selectmen would have been $13.25 to Mr. Goddards, — It appears therefore that as the damage was not established at the time of the examination, that it was afterwards altered by the Majority, in what manner the compensation was allowed, Mr. Fisher, we do not learn, only from the written communication, which says, that, Mr Warren took no part in determining it. and it says the same of Mr Goddard, But we do not see why Mr Goddard did not act, in Mr Fisher's case, for in that he had no interest, — Samuel Allen, Chr, a —

To Samuel Allen, C. B. Bigelow and Joseph Bruce a Committee Chosen by the Town of Grafton to investigate so much of the annual report of the Selectmen as relates to damage paid Charles Goddard and Waterman A. Fisher that they had sustained in consequence of lowering the road for the repairing of the ways — The undersigned Members of the board of Selectmen for the year ending March 2d. 1846. would state the facts in the case to be as follows — In the latter part of May or the former part of June 1845. a complaint in writing was made to the Selectmen signed by Charles Goddard and Waterman A. Fisher stating that they had sustained damage in their property in consequence of the road by the side of their lands having been lowered for the repairing of the ways to their inconvenience and greatly reducing the value

thereof and requesting said Selectmen to view the road aforesaid and determin such compensation as in their opinion the Complainants were entitled to have by law, for act of lowering said road = The Selectmen soon after receiving the complaint as above stated examined the road aforesaid at which place the full board were present, Mr. Goddard took no part with the rest of the Selectmen in the Matter as he was interested in the affair. The duty then devolved on the other four to settle the question; after obtaining all the facts in the case that they were able to procure on both sides and after examining the law and particular the Sixth section of the 25th Chapter of the revised Statutes, the question was then whether the Complainants were entitled to have damage according to law or not, and the opinion of three of the board was that they were entitled to have compensation, and one, Mr. Warren that they were not; as they were not all agreed, it was then proposed to not decide the question for amount of damage at that time but to prevail on the parties if possible to bring their claim before the town for allowance, — and further action on the Matter was delayed for something like two Months longer, but the complainants could not be persuaded to take that course but still urged upon the Selectmen to decide the Matter as on their refusal they should petition for a jury to determine the Matter as set fourth in their complaint, the Selectmen believing that they would recover damage by a Verdict of a jury which would throw the whole cost on the town, in consequence of that and a sense of duty on their part the Selectmen come to a conclusion to award to Mr. Goddard the sum of twenty dollars, and to Mr Fisher the sum of ten dollars in full for all the damage that each of them had sustained in their lands for all the gravel that had been removed from the highway afore said for the repair or improvement of the high ways since that portion of ~~the~~ road had been annexed to the Center district up to the time said road was examined by the Selectmen, and for what gravel was taken by individuals for their own private use, the Selectmen had nothing to do with, Mr. Warren took no part in determining the Compensation but took himself off the board in that respect, and the Selectmen drawed their orders on the Treasurer for the sums heretofore specified in favor of Messrs Goddard and Waterman & Fisher some time in the Month October following

Grafton April 25th 1846.

Lewis Holbrook.
Luke Leland.

A Copy: attest. Charles Prentice Town Clerk.

The following named persons were appointed by the Selectmen to be Measurers of Wood and Bark for the ensuing year, — — — — — — —

Isaac L. Brown.	Sworn April 6. 1846
Erastus Fisher	Sworn April 6. 1846
Joseph Kimball,	Sworn April 6. 1846
Wenthrop Faulkner	Sworn — 1846
Charles A Peirce ;	
J. H. Wood ;	
J. S. Harrington ;	
Nathaniel G. Whitney,	
Benjamin F Green,	
Gilbert C. Taft.	
Lorin Davis,	
Barnabas Drury,	
A. M. Bigelow	
Samuel F Redding	
Levi N Leland	
William B. Nelson	

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Grafton, we the undersigned, Assessors of said town, agreable to the law of this Commonwealth, have enrolled the following persons in the Militia of said town, — — —

Arnold Sherman, Robert Wilson, Willard Clapp, Lorin Davis, Henry Burns, George E. Burns, Albert E. Williams Wilson Robbins, George W. Bradford Benton Burton George Perry Eri Jackson, Darius Ferry Jr. Charles H. Hudson, Thomas A. Buffum, Jefferson Bellows, Charles Hager, Joseph B. Bowen, Isrrael Bracon, Timothy E. Leland, Rowell B. Hodge, Abner C. Cheney, Jerome B. Sherman, George Chambers, James Piper, Ithiel P. Farnum, Aaron Holmes, Davis Taylor, Erastus Fisher, William A Ford, David Whitcher, William G. Ferry, Shepard Cooper, — Henry Streeter Joseph Gallipo, Alexander Gallipo, — William Hoyle, Hezekiah Bates, George W. Crombe Luke Knox, Lorin Hoyle, George L. Case, Isaac Redding, Adolphus Fowler, Levi Rawson, Hillel Baker, William B. Nelson, George Webster, Alexander Barton, Thomas Shurtleff, Dexter Clark, Charles A. Chase, Orris L. Bliss, Reuben K. Huntoon, Elwood McFarland, — Phineas Gates Jr. Ephraim E. Neally, John McQuaid, Theodore M. Brewer, Harding T. Eddy, Delano T. Eddy, Ezekiel Saunders, Gilbert C. Taft, Jacob Spring, Constant R. Davis, Harford P. Dunham, Benjamin Heywood Jr, William Place, Nathaniel L. Eddy, John B. Rice,

John A. Dodge, Abner D. Johnson, Jephtah P. Newton, Patton Smith, Horace P. Brown, Joseph G. Brown, David W. Brown, Sullivan Carlton Dexter Gleason, Joseph Daniels, Henry Daniels, Horace Daniels, Samuel Hutchinson, Horace D. Barton, Jeremy Emery, Ebenezer R. Dodge, Cromwell Laithe George Phillips Joseph H. Clark, Otis Fuller Barnard Fowler George A. Wood, Thomas D. Wright, Henry Powers, Frederick Waterman Luther Griswold, David Jourdan, William Jourdan, Joseph A. Meriam, Josiah H. Hammond, Anson W. Cobb, Francis Spring, Charles R. Whitlock, William E. Whitlock, Stephen B Gerry, Warren Stockwell, Charles B. Demond, Judson Blake, Isaac H. Southwick, George G. Carpenter, Harrison Eames, Elbridge G. Prentice, Calvin Prentice, Elijah L. Case, Royale A. Keith, Henry R Keith, Sumner E. Stow, Daniel Lincoln, Samuel Keene, Russell Eames, John H. Meriam, Cyrus A French, Charly Meriam, Joseph Meriam Jr. Elbridge Forbush, Rodney Leland, Ebenezer Lincoln, Bradford Chase, Charles O. Adams, Asahel Fairbanks, Calvin Wesson, Ruel S. Davis, Seth J. Aylett, Jonathan E. Nichols, Charles B. Whitlock, Edmund Whitlock, Parson W. Aldrich, Henry Wesson, Nathaniel Monroe, Joseph B. Adams, Harrison G. O. Claflin, Harvey J. Pratt, John C. Bennett, Uriah Scarles, David Fisher Jr. Sylvester Hescock, Solomon C. Goulding, James H. Monroe, Samuel W. Howe, Charles R. Malory, John M. Newton, Lewis Whitney, Hollis Chamberlain, Justin Prentice, Thomas Coutts, Benjamin W. Watson, James Martin, John C. Knowlton, James Gleason, Elisha W. Hinds, Henry G. Prentice, Dexter S. Bragg, Andrew H. White, Sumner Eaton Francis Winn, Silas Walcutt, Charles G. Lyman, Lafayette Carpenter, Henry D. Howard, Lewis C. Rendall, Jonas B. Brigham, Horace Batcheller, Abial W. Paine, Moses L. Batcheller, Nelson Perry, Ira Prentice, George Brown, George Dunn, George W. Thurston, James Inman, Arba G. Darling Elliot C. Jourdan, Justin Forbush, Calvin S. Thurston Jotham W. Taft, Benjamin F. Brown, William H. Brown, Moses C. Haydens, Timothy C. Whitlock, Mendall Mowry, Lawson Munyan, Kendrick Hunt, Otis C. Fay, Frederick S. Williams, Simeon D. Fay, John P. Haydent, Henry N. Pierce, Emory King, Jonathan W. Stow, Jefferson Whitlock, John C Sinclair, Samuel P. Foster, Jeremiah S. Holmes, John Briggs, Patrick Hawkins, George W. Drury, John H. Hills, Lowell Fay, Jeremiah Flagg, Ira Lindsay, Lewis Churchill, Lebina Lincoln, Lebina P. W. Burgin, Joshua Spear Jr. William R. Spear, Isaac L. Brown,

Augustus W. Brooks, Royal Leland, John Hitchens, Silas Cobourse, John G. Smith, George Enslow, Richard Allum, John Redding, Ethan R. Thompson, Arial H. Davenport, Elisha Smith, Homer Reeves, Amos Lamb, Lyman Austin, Horatio Fish, Luther Lincoln, Charles Goddard, Dexter D. Ball, William Prentice, Orlando Whitney, Charles M. Barker, Warren Brigham, William M. Stowe, William Fay, James G. Dwyer, Michael J. Dwyer, Barnabas Newton, William Robenson, Jonathan D. Wheeler, Samuel Harrington, Ebenezer Aldrich, Lewis A. Whittlesey, Abel Maynard, John Davis, Carlton Melinda, William O. Allen, Absalom Hastings, Luke F. Allen, Daniel G. Prentice, Frances Goddard, Rufus Carter, Samuel Greenleigh, Samuel C. Flagg, Lewis W. Dodge, Eli. Eason, Jonathan C. Warren, Horace S. Warren, Peter F. Wheeler, Samuel W. Flagg, Lincoln Wood, Otis Frissell, Hanson G. Hinds, Augustus Slocomb, George F. Slocomb, Charles Jackson, Charles H. Jackson, John Bigelow, Geo. W. Hastings, Simeon Loring, Hiram W. D. Coster, Charles Collis, J. N. Simmons, Charles D. Monroe, Sumner Dunsmore, Lyman W. Ormsbee, Abraham M. Bigelow, James W. White, Salmon D. Hall, James M. Kimball, Wm. W. Ayres, Samuel G. Congdon, Levi H. Stowe, Jonathan W. Marston, Willard B. Dorsey, Andrew J. Howe, Horatio C. Greenwood, Charles A. Penniman, William J. Eaton, Winthrop Faulkner, Charles C. Aldrich, Levi G. Heywood, Charles A. Dunsmore, Silas A. Pierce, Ephraim Adams, Artemas L. Baker, Silas A. Forbush, Calvin W. Forbush, Lovell Stowe, Daniel A. Wesson, Samuel A. Dalrymple, James D. King, Andrew J. McIntire, Jason Knowlton, Luther Stowe, Emerson C. Green, Charles A. Pierce, Jonathan H. Wood, Thomas S. Chaffee, William S. Wood, Moses Adams Hamilton Redding, Thomas F. Spear, John W. McIntire, Charles Adams, — Rice, George H. Whitney, David White Jr. Caleb Wood, Augustus Salisbury, John B. White, Samuel Baker, George R. Bishop, Nathaniel Smith, William Mecorney, Horace Mecorney, George W. Fairbanks, Samuel J. Prentice, Jonathan C. Forbush, Charles I. Warren, Fisher Bosworth, Levi Green, Lysander Pratt, Leander Stockwell, Charles H. Towne, Rufus L. Witherbee, Levi Butterfield, Daniel F. Witherbee, Timothy Abbott Jr. Joseph A. Stowe, Joshua Congdon, Henry F. Wing, Otis Eadman, Henry Russell, Augustus S. Haywood, William E. Hockett, John C. Burleigh, Xanthy Parker, Martin Howe, Hiram Fernald, H. D. F. Bigelow, Jonas L. Greenwood, Elisha L. Livermore, Benedict A. Gould, George H. Wallock, Isaac Follett, Timothy Bosworth, Calvin Patrick,

Paul F. Knowlton, David Carpenter, Putnam Haywards, Jesse Emery, William Holbrook, Joseph W. Leland, Henry Welch, Martin Fassett, Noah Fletcher, George W. Hale, John Whitney, Nathaniel G. Lyman, William S. Brew, John Bigelow, Augustus Stocomb, Thompson Kimberly Jr, Minot Amsden, Blake Judson, John V. Leland George W. Hale, Willard S. Woods, Silas Vinton, James G Putnam, Charles A Fuller, Thomas J. Baker, Asa Graves, Dexter B. Wingate, Harrison Crocker, Orin L Davis, Elroy Davis Thomas Aldrich, Walter Baker, Job G Johnson, Daniel Byron, Elbridge G. Harrington, Willard Bellows, Walter Harrington, Charles Mozzy, Aaron W. Stow, Nehemiah Knapp, William Carew, Charles Houghton Leonard S. Whitlock, Linus E. Newhall, Hiram Edmonds, Asa Smith Isaac J. Gibson, Jonathan R Putnam, A A. Paine, Samuel B. Dalliver, Franklin Bigelow, Elhanan D. Wheler, Edmund F. Wheler, Isaac Mason, Charles Prentiss 2d, Calvin Clisbe, Joshua C Thompson, Smith B. Hatch, Lyman B Barrett, Thomas Jones, Ezra D Bratt, Edwin Smith, George W. Smith, Abner P. Carpenter, George H. Newton, Leander W. Greenwood, Charles A. Harrington, Francis Hunton, William H Thompson 2d, Charles Knowlton, Abner M Stow John L. Merriam, — Field, Joseph H. Thompson, George Odlum, Nathan S. Whitlock, John J Brooks, Benjamin Robinson, Joseph Copeland, William E. Barker, Willis Norse, — Frost, Dexter B. Hathaway, Jonathan L Patch, Elijah B. Knowlton, Seth Crocker, Elijah B. Brooks, William A Knapp, William Mayo, Lorin Garnard, Rowland Cobb Jr, John Chandler, Nicholas W. Johnson, David Chase, Erastus Whitte, Albert Dwight Abijah W Stockbridge, Paul Sammeter, Pascal Sammeter, Joseph Snow, Alexander Jacobs, Thomas L. Jacobs, Rock Jacobs, Silas H. Fairbanks, Lucius M. Smith, James Williams, Samuel Williams, Seth C Winslow, N. F. Skinner, Dexter B. Wingate, Alexander Pender, Francis Gerry, William Buck, Aaron S. Buck, Barney C. Buck, Henry Davidson, Lorenzo H. Buck, Daniel Barrett, Marcus M Elliot, Benjamin Paine, Linus J. Goodridge, Charles Whitlock, Noah L. Goodrich, Charles Goddard, Henry G. Johnson, — Butterworth, John Bridges, Horace Sargent, Edward Smith, Walter Batchelder, Samuel W. Putnam, Elisha B. Thomas, Jasper W Putnam, Ransalear White George W. Pierce, Rufus Stow, Samuel Chase, Joel Houghton, I. J. Harrington Henry H. — Messenger, Russell Lawrence, Augustus Graves,

Jeremiah Barnard, Nathaniel G. Whitney, Ira Linsley, Charles Bowen, Francis Dagur, Thomas L. Jacobs, Daniel F. Young, Hugh Pender, Oliver Whitcock, Edward W. Green, Rufus H. Whitney, Josiah Moulton, Joseph H Whitney, Ebenezer Huckins, Emory A. Taft, Reuben Huntoon, William A. Dispau, Joseph D. Dispau, Hanson T. Harrington, Marvin Woods, William Carter, Harvey Carpenter, John B. Smith, Henry A. Grun, Joseph W. Taft, George H. Brown, Henry A. Gifford, William P. Gifford, — Joseph Dollivr, Nathaniel P. Whitney, Jeremiah Whitcomb, Robert D. Chase, Augustus Johnson, — Oliver Brown, Stephen Brown, Reuben Richardson, — Richards, Henry Baird, Lewis H. Bigelow — Charles F Leland, Jesse Smith Jr, Samuel Clough, J. Bentley, Samuel S. Pinkham, David Hill, — Cowles, Nathan D. Chaffee, William Fuller, Calvin Patrick, John V. Leland, George W. Hale, John M. Davenport, Lewis Holbrook, —

Whole Number 562. —

Grafton May 30th. 1846. —

Charles Prentice
C. M. Pratt
Oliver M. Brigham
} Assessors of Grafton,

A Copy Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

We the subscribers, John M. Davenport and Lemuel Howe both of Grafton have this day divided the fence between the land owned and occupied by us respectively and which adjoining and agree that the said Davenport his heirs and assigns shall build and maintain forever the easterly half thereof, and the said Howe his heirs and assigns shall build and maintain forever the Westerly half thereof. —

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 21st. day of May A. D. 1846. —

Jn°. M. Davenport
Lemuel Howe

Witness
Austin Holbrook
Benja. Aldrich

A true Copy Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester.

Greeting. . . .

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to met at the town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the seventh day of September next at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles; viz: . . .

1. To choose a Moderator for said meting, ...

2. To see if the town will make an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars, more or less, to be expended on the highway between Bruce-hollow so called, and the bridge near the Kit factory, and determine the manner said appropriation shall be expended, and act upon any matter relative thereto as prayed for by Moses Roberts and others, ...

3. To see if the town will cause a copy of all Warrants for calling future town Metings to be posted at the Meeting-house in Farbanns-ville in like manner as they are posted at the other Meting-houses in said town, . . .

4. To see what measures the town will take for purchasing a lot for a burying ground in the vicinity of the New England Village or act upon any matter relative thereto, . . .

5. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of a small-section of town road crossing the Northeasterly corner of said town near the house of John K. Fay. or act thereon, ...

6. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of a town road commencing on the westerly side of the road leading from the house of Moses H. Adams to the house of Ebenr Lincoln and running to intersect with road near the house of Benj. W. Fay or act thereon, ...

7. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of a town road

Commencing on the westerly side of the road near the house of Emory Harrington and running Southerly to the Common so called near the house where Albert Sweet now lives, or act thereon, —

8. To see if the town will compensate Peter Leonard and Patrick Leonard, for damages sustained by them in their persons and property in consequence of a deficiency by them alleged to exist in the highway for the want of suitable railing, which occured on the night of the fifth instant near the house of the late Samuel Leland or act thereon, — . — . — . —

9. To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon, — . — . —

10. To see if the town will repair their town-hall, —

11. To see if the town will cause the roads to be made reported in the sixth and seventh articles in this warrant,

12 To accept town debts, —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the center of said town, and at the Meeting-house in New England Village, to stand over two sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting, —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid, —

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of August in the Year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

Luke Leland
Charles Goddard
Esek Saunders
Philip Wing
A. F. Smith
} Select-men of Grafton,

Worcester, ss, Grafton September 7th 1846. I have served this warrant, by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said town pursuant to the within directions.

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A correct Copy
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-Hall in said Town, on Monday the seventh day of September A. D. 1846. The following proceedings were had, to wit:-

Art. 1st By Ballot Chose Joseph Bruce, Moderator of said Meeting,

Art. 2d voted to pass over this article for the present. —

Art. 3d. The town voted, a copy of all warrants for calling future Town Meetings, be posted up at the Meeting-house in Farnum's Ville, in like manner as they are posted at the other Meeting houses in said town, —

Art. 4th The town voted to choose a Committee of three to examine into the expediency of this article, and report at a future Meeting, —

By vote Chose Albert Stone, Austin Holbrook, A. F. Smith } Committee

Art. 5th. The town voted to reject the report of the Selectmen, on the laying out of a small section of town road, crossing the Northeasterly corner of said town near the house of John R Fay. — . — .

Voted to take up the second article and act thereon,

Art. 2d. The town voted a Committee of three be raised to examine the premises as set fourth in this article by Moses Roberts & others. and report at a future meeting. . — . — . —

By vote chose Oliver M. Brigham, Austin Holbrook, Joseph Bruce. } Committee

Art. 6th. The town voted not to accept the report of the Selectmen on the laying out a town road as mentioned in this article, —

Art. 7th. The town voted not to accept the report of the Selectmen on the laying out a town road as mentioned in this article, —

Art. 8th. The town voted a Committee of three be raised to examine into the facts as set forth in this article, and act according to their best skill and judgment in settling the same, and report at a future Meeting, —

By vote Chose Samuel H. Allen, Austin Holbrook, & Jonas B. Brigham, a Committee, — — Then voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday 21st inst at 1 o'clock P. M. Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk,

September 21st. 1846 at 1. o'clock P.M. the Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the seventh day of September current the following further proceedings were had to wit: — — — — —

After reading the record of the last Meeting. By Ballot chose Charles Brigham jr. Moderator Pro. tem.

Voted to take up the ninth article, —

Art. 9th. Voted to pass over this article for the present, —

voted to take up the fifth article and act thereon,

Art. 5th. voted to reconsider the vote passed at the last Meeting on this article, whereby the town voted to reject the Selectmens report, — — — —

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen, on the laying out a small section of town road across the Northeasterly corner of Grafton, on the following condetions, That the town of Westborough Make said road free ~~from~~ of expense to the town of Grafton, to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen, and also that the town of Westborough Make their road that intersects with the said road's.

Report of the laying out of a Town Road by the Selectmen as follows: to wit. — — — —

we the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Grafton, have laid out for the use of said town so much of a town way as lies within the town of Grafton commencing at or near the house of Benjamin Nurse in Westboro and running Southerly, untill it intersects with the County road near the house of John R Fay in said Westboro, — as follows, to wit. — —

Beginning at a Stake and Stones on the Westboro line (it being the Northerly line of Grafton, at the end of a Section of the aforesaid road recently located by the Selectmen of Westboro) and running through land of John R Fay, South 15 degrees East 9 rods, thence South 17½ d. East 10 rods 5 links to Westboro line (it being the easterly line of said Grafton at the end of the other section of said road in Westboro) to be — two rods wide, and to lie on the westerly side of said course, the westerly line is 264/5 — rods in length making an average of about 23 rods of road in Grafton, all of which is through land of John R Fay for which he releases all damage —

for laying out said road, for which we award him none which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way, — —.
Dated at Grafton this 15th. Day of June A. D. 1846. —

Luke Leland
Charles Goddard
Philip Wing
A. F. Smith
Ezek Saunders
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Recorded July 2d 1846. at 8h 15m A. M.
Attest.
Charles Prentice. T. Clerk, —

A. Correct Copy —
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Took up the tenth article in the warrant, — —
Art. 10th Voted to Choose a Committee of three to attend to this article. —
By vote Chose Noah Fletcher
George H. Whitney
Willard S. Wood
} Committee,
Motion made to take up the Seventh Article.
Divided the house. 92 yeas 62 Nays. — —
Art 7th. Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the last Meeting whereby the town Voted not to accept the reports of the Selectmen on the laying out of a town road as mentioned in this article. —
Then the Town Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen, on the laying out of a town road as mentioned in this article. Divided the House 99 in the affirmative and 66 in the Negative.
And the report was accepted, — —
which is in the words and figures following.

Report of the Selectmen upon the laying out a town way. —

we the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have laid out for the use of said town, a town way, (notice having been given of the intentions of the Selectmen to locate said way by posting up a written notice at the Post Office in New England Village and also a like notice was — given to each of the persons whose land said road

passes over, seven days previous to the date hereof) as follows,
Begining at a stake and stones on the westerly side of the road leading from the Grafton Depot to the New England Village near the house of Emory Harrington on land of Leonard S. Wheelock then through said Wheelock's land — South 10 3/4 degrees west 102 1/4 Rods to land of Thomas Sargent, then continuing the same course through said Sargents land 19 3/4 Rods to land of Asa F. Smith & Co. which is at the southeast corner of the small house of said Sargent, then continuing the same course through land of said Smith & Co. 20 rods to the Common so called, to be two rods wide, and to lie on the easterly side of said course, — all the land that said road passes over south of the house aforesaid of said Sargent is owned by said A. F. Smith & Co. excepting a narrow strip of 5 rods and 6 links in length, and 13 1/2 links in width at the North end, 10 links at the south end, — which belongs to the aforesaid Thomas Sargent, also an other strip of land belonging to School District No. 9. six rods and 19 links in length, and 10 ten links in width at the north end and six links at the south end, the two last named pieces of land lie on the east line of said road. and we have determined the compensation for damages as follows:- To Thomas Sargent the sum of eighty dollars, to School District No. Nine fifteen dollars, and the said Leonard S. Wheelock, — Asa F. Smith & Co. each of them release all the damage for laying said road through their land, and we award them none, the above damages are to be paid by the town of Grafton before said road is opened, and we allow the several owners of the land aforesaid two Months to take off the crops and trees standing and growing thereon — which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance; and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. — Dated at Grafton this 27th. day of August in the year 1846.

Luke Leland
Charles Goddard
Esek Saunders
Philip Wing
A. F. Smith
} Select Men of Grafton,

Received August 31. 1846.
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.
A Correct Copy, Attest Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

The town voted to take up the Eleventh Article in the warrant,

Art. 11th The Town voted to choose a Committee of three, to make or cause to be made the road mentioned in the seventh Article in the warrant, —

By vote chose { Ezra K. Pratt, Austin Holbrook, Oliver M. Brigham } Committee, —

voted to pass over the remainder of this article for the present,

Voted to take up the ninth article,

Art. 9th. The Committee chosen at the last Meting to examine in to the facts of Peter and Patrick Leonard's case. Made their report, which is in the words and figures following, —

The Committee Chosen Chosen by the town at the last Meeting to settle with Peter and Patrick Lenon, for damages claimed by them which they allidge themselves to have sustained, in consequence of a defect in the highway near the Bridge, by the old Baptist Meting-house, on the night of the 5th inst= have attended to that subject, and report as follows, to wit; — It appears from the best information which we have been able to obtain, which was derived from Mr Randall and his Mother, who reside in the building, which was formerly the old Baptiste Meting house, near the bridge aforesaid, and others; That the accident which produced the injuries complained of by Leonons, occured, about Midnight, on the 5th of Septh inst— that said Leonons, or Leonard, set out from Providence, R. I. on the same day, with a horse and wagon, with two or three horses hitched to the tail of the wagon, to go to Millbury, where they were engaged at work, upon the Rail Road, and one of them as a contractor — That it was late at night when they arrived in town on the 5th and by some means or other, they missed their way— instead of going to Millbury, the usual way from Harrimans Hill, by the Methodist Meting-House, and up through Fishers Ville. They came round by the old Baptist Meting-house, and across the Bridge, where the accident happened - something like two miles out of their way— Another circumstance connected with the transactions of the night, which if unexplained we think makes against their claim, is— that, they were quite noisy on the road,

They were heard by several persons, hallooing and making a noise as they passed along. This fact might possibly be accounted for, from an other fact, before mentioned, of the horses hitched on to the tail of the wagon. they might have been dull, or contrary. & the noise might have been necessary perhaps, in urging them along, or, the noise might have been occasioned by their having partaken too freely of Spiritous liquors, - for it seems they had a Keg or two of the Critter on board of the wagon. However this may be, your Committee cannot deny that, in their opinion, a defect existed in the highway, where the accident happened, in consequence of there being no sufficient railing to prevent a carriage or horse from going down some five or six feet from the road side into the mud. - There are however many other defects, of a similar character, in the highway - and that we believe from necessity - for it would cost the town more money than they would be able to pay, to remove all such defects from the great length of highway that extends through every part of the town - Yet we have never known any accidents to have happened, in consequence of those defects, or of this defect - and the question to be determined is - whether - this accident happened through this defect, or from some other cause - for although we admit the existence of the defect, yet, if it was not the cause of the accident, the town is not liable for the damages claimed, or any part of them. If the Leonons were intoxicated, or had a contrary, Skittish or unmanageable horse, which might have been the cause of throwing them from the road into the gutter - or, if the accident might have happened, from any other cause than the defect in the way - they are not entitled to damage. The evidence which bears upon the subject is - that they drove their wagon over a log, by the side of the road, a little beyond the Bridge, and tumbled down the bank, or over the Abutments, some five or six feet down into the mud; and in so doing - broke their wagon & Harness - Mr. Wheeler the Wheelwright charged them $5.50 for the repairs done by him, to their wagon. - what damage was done to the harness, we have not been informed. The above is supposed to have been the only injuries, of consequence, which they sustained,

Immediately after the accident happened

They went back, across the Bridge, to Mr Randals at the Old Baptist Meting-house, and called him up— he asked them how the accident happened; Whether the horse got frightened &c.? - They answered him no, he was not frightened, but was contrary - he asked them if they were injured; they said no, They were not injured, nor their horses— but upon further examenation they found the horse had sustained some slight injury— It was a bright Moon Shiny night and the river, road & bridge could all be seen, almost as plainly— as in the day time — under these circumstances, it becomes a matter of doubt, in the minds of the Committee, Whether the Lenons had a gentle horse, and were driving over the road, at a time, and in a manner, that would enable them to recover damages, for the injuries complained of, - The amount of damages claimed by them is One hundred Dollars. Your Committee do not think them entitled to so much if they are to anything. They therefore ask the town for further instructions, upon the subject —

By order of said Committee, —
Samuel H, Allen,

The Town voted the same Committee chosen to settle with Peter and Patrick Lenons at the last Meting, be a Committee to settle with said — Lenons according to their best Skill and judgment.

The Committee heretofore Chosen to act for the Town in relation to Fire Engine, Samuel Wood Esq^r. Made report.

Voted to accept the report. —
Motion was made to reconsider the Vote, and it passed in the affirmative and the Vote was reconsidered. —
Voted to pass over accepting the Committees report on Engines for the present, —.—

took up the fourth article. —

Art. 4th. voted to accept the report of the Committee, Chosen at the last meting to act on this article. —
Voted to Appoint five Trustees. —

voted the Selectmen appoint said Trustees. —

The Committee appointed in relation to the burying ground asked for in New England Village beg leave to report.—

That they have attended to the duty assigned them and would recommend that the Town purchase a piece of Land owned principally by Ebenezer Leland and situated near the House of Mr John Dolliver, —— . — . — .

The Committee have had said land surveyed and find it contains three acres ninety nine nine tenths rods which can be bought for $106.96 per acre, in order to have a suitable lot it is found necessary to have a few rods on land of S. W. Putnam & John Dolliver & E. Hutkins, but without expense to the town otherways than fencing & Mr. Dolliver having his line straitened which will take about one quarter as much of the Leland land as is furnished by him — They also recommend that the town appropriate one dollar and twenty five cents per rod for fencing said lot and fifteen dollars for putting up posts and leveling off in front — making whole — amount as follows, ——— . — . — . —

For Land, . — . —	$387.12
" Fencing — .	137.00
" Leveling &c .	15.00
	$539.12

The Committee would also recommend that Trustees be appointed whose duty it shall be to get the Deeds &c. of said land, see that it is properly fenced, laid out, and when laid out be authorized to offer the choice of said lots at auction, First reserving suitable lots which shall be considered Common ground for transient Persons and others who may not wish to expend money in ornamenting there, The above money and any other Money contributed, to be laid out by them in improving and ornamenting the general ground, Also that they keep a record of all lots taken, Monies received and expended have the general supervision of the land and report annually to the town at their Meeting in the month of March —

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or at any other time the Town may direct -
All which is respectfully submitted -
Grafton Sept. 21. 1846.

Albert Stone
A. F. Smith
Austin Holbrook

September 21st. 1846.
Accepted
Attest.
Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

The Trustes appointed by the Selectmen to take Deeds of the ground and attend to all the duties of said burying ground as is expressed in the foregoing report, are as follows. viz: -

Asa F. Smith
William Thornton
Chandler M. Pratt
Samuel W. Putnam
Samuel A. Knox.

} Committee to Superintend the Burying Ground in N. & W. Englands Village. - -

Voted to adjourn this meting to November next the ninth day at 3. o'clock in the afternoon it being the Second Monday of said Month
Attest
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

We the subscribers, Selectmen of Grafton and Westboro, have this 12th. day of September A.D. 1846. met agreable to notice given by the Selectmen of Westboro' being the most ancient town for the purpose of perambulating the lines and renewing the marks between our said towns and having attended that service make return as follows, viz: - - Beginning at a stone erected at the corner of Upton, Grafton and Westboro on the Grafton line, thence N. 1¼°. W. - four hundred and sixty three rods to a stone erected on Benj.a Nurse's land, thence S. 87°. W. three hundred and fifty two rods to a stone erected at a corner, thence N. 51¼°. W. -

Thirty three rods to a Stone erected at an angle, thence N. 15½°. E. twenty rods to a Stone at an angle, thence N. 8½°. W. eighteen rods to a Stone erected at an angle, thence N. 28½°. W. thirty eight rods to a Stone erected at an angle on the north side of the road thence N. 21½°. E. Seventy rods to a Stone erected at an angle in the wall, thence crossing the the Rail road N. 45°. W. thirty one rods to a Stone erected at the corner of Grafton, Shrewsbury & Westboro' - Dated this 12 day of September A.D. 1846.

John A. Fayerweather } Selectmen of
Charles P. Rice. — } Westboro. —

Luke Leland } Selectmen of
Charles Goddard } Grafton. —

A. True Copy
Attest. — Charles Prentice T. Clerk. —

Agreable to notice from the Selectmen of Shrewsbury, The subscribers Selectmen or substitutes of the Towns of Shrewsbury and Grafton, met at the Easterly monuments at the corners of said Towns for the purpose of perambulating the boundary line between the aforesaid Towns, - and have performed that service by examining the Monuments at the several angles of said boundary line, — There are 27 Monuments and they are now in good condition, — In witness whereof we have this day signed duplicates

Chas. E. Miles } Selectmen of
Henry Howe } Shrewsbury,

Luke Leland } Selectmen of
Philip Wing } Grafton,

Dated this 19. of Sept. 1846. —

A True Copy,
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

We the subscribers Selectmen of Grafton and Northbridge have this 19th. day of October A.D. 1846. met agreeable to Notice given by the Selectmen of Grafton being the most ancient Town for the purpose of perambulating the lines and renewing the marks between said towns, and having attended that Service, make return as follows viz:— Beginning at a Stone erected at the Corner of Sutton, Grafton and Northbridge near where School-house number ten in Sutton formerly Stood, thence North eighty two degrees East, two hundred and Twelve & a half rods to a Stone Monument erected, thence South eighty two and five sixth degrees East, five hundred and ninety eight rods crossing the Blackstone River to a corner of Grafton, Upton, and Northbridge, and at each of the angles aforesaid is standing a Stone Monument in good Condition;—

Luke Leland } Selectmen of
Philip Wing } Grafton,—

Samuel Fletcher } Selectmen of
Northbridge,—

A Correct Copy
Attest, Charles Prentice T. Clerk,—

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of Grafton and Millbury have this 19th. day of October A.D. 1846. met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Grafton being the most ancient Town, for the purpose of perambulating the lines and renewing the marks between our said towns according to the laws of this Commonwealth, and having attended to that duty, make the following returns, viz:— . . . . . .

Beginning at a Stone Monument erected at the corner of Millbury and Worcester on the Grafton line, thence South 15° East ten hundred and forty nine rods to a Stone monument erected at the corner of Millbury and Sutton on said Grafton line, and they are now in good condition, in witness whereof we have this day signed duplicates, . — . — . —
Dated this 19th day of October 1846. — — — — —

J. E. Waters } Selectmen of
Leonard Dwinel } Millbury,—

Charles Goddard } Selectmen of
A. F. Sumner, } Grafton,—

A Correct Copy
Attest,
Charles Prentice T. Clerk,—

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Grafton July 31st. 1846. It is hereby understood and agreed by and between Samuel H. Allen of said Grafton and the Wd. Harriet Fay of the same Grafton That said Allen and those claiming under him shall build and forever hereafter maintain a partition fence on the North end of said Fay's garden, and between it and the land of said Allen, & said Wd. Fay ~~and~~ and those claiming under her shall forever maintain and build a partition fence on the west side of said garden between it and the adjoining land of said Allen, The above agreement for the maintanan of partition fences between the lands of the subscribers shall be valid & binding on the parties according to its terms unless it shall appear from the Deed or deeds by which the premises of said Fay have been transfered - that some covenant exists inconsistent with the same. — . — . —

Witness,
William N. Fay

Samuel H. Allen
Harriet A Fay

A true Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice Town Clerk, —

We the

It is hereby agreed by and between Samuel H. Allen of Grafton & Jarvant Merriam of the same Grafton, that said Allen shall build ten rods of the partition fence between his land and said Merriams, beginning at the road near said Merriams new house then on the line of division eastwardly, & that said Merriam shall build the residue of the fence on said line it being fourteen rods, or make something — which shall be equivalent to a legal fence and the residue of his part of the division between them shall be made on the south part of the line running northerly from the end of the line first above Mentioned. —

Grafton Sept. 8th. 1846. —

Samuel H. Allen

Jarvant Meriam,

Charles C. Wood.

A True Copy
Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss, —

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to Meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday, the ninth day of November next, at nine o' clock in the forenoon, being the second Monday of said Month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor. and Lieutenant Governor of the commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of worcester for the Year ensuing; ——————————

Also, to bring in their votes for a Represen=tative to the Congress of the united States from district No. Five to serve for two years from the fourth of March next. ——— ——— ———

And also, to Choose a Representative to repr=esent them in the General Court, to be holden at Boston, on the first wednesday of January next. ——— ———

The votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators will all be received on one ballot, and for Representatives on seperate ballots. —

The Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above officers at ten o' clock in the forenoon of said day. ——— ——— ———

You are directed to notify the inhabitants aforesaid to meet at the same place, at two o' clock in the afternoon of said day, to act on the following articles, ——— ——— ———

1st. To Choose a moderator for said meeting; ——

2d. To accept a list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury box, or act thereon, ——

3d. To see if the Town will make compensation to Mr. Kinsley for damage that his wife has sustained in her person by jumping from her Carriage in consequence of her horse taking fright at some rocks laying in the road near the house of the late Samuel Leland, or act thereon. ——— ———

And you are directed to serve this War=rant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses

in the Centre of said town, and at each of the Meting-houses in New England Village and Harrison's Ville, nine days at least before the time of holding said Meting. —

Here of fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings there on, to ourselves at the time and place of Meting as aforesaid. —

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and forty six. —

Luke Leland Selectmen
Esek Saunders
Philip Wing of
A. F. Smith Grafton

Worcester, ss. November 9th 1846. —
I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant,

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton

A true Copy
Attest

Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

Grafton Sept. 24. 1845. —
This is to certify that we the Subscribers have this day agreed that Otis Fuller shall have and forever maintain the fence on the west end and half the length on the North side of said Fullers lot adjoining the west side, witness our hands. — Martha Gleason
Otis Fuller. —

Attest Martha Ann Gleason
Miriam Annette Howe
A True Copy attest. Charles Prentice Town Clerk, —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Elections and in town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on the ninth day of November being the second Monday of said Month A.D. 1846. for the purpose of giving in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators of the Commonwealth, Also for a Representative to the Congress of the United States from District No. Five, to serve for two years from the fourth of March next. ——————

Also for a Representative to represent said Town in the General Court to be holden at Boston, on the first wednesday of January next. ——————

The Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above officers at ten o'clock A. M. ——————

The whole Number of Ballots given in for Governor was four hundred and eight. ——— 408. —

For Governor.

George N Briggs, had Two hundred forty five Votes		245.
Isaac Davis, had one hundred Votes. —		100.
Samuel E Sewall, had Fifty six Votes . —		56.
Francis Baylies had Six Votes — . —		6.
Otis Adams had one Vote. — . —		1

Whole Number of Ballots for Lieut. Governor was four hundred and twelve. ——————— 412.

John Reed. had Two hundred forty three Votes.	243.
George Hood had one hundred four Votes.	104.
John M Brewster, had Fifty seven Votes .	57.
Charles W. Moore, had Seven Votes. — .	7.
Edward B. Bigelow had one Vote .	1.

The whole number of Ballots given in for Senators was four hundred and ten. 410.

Whig Tickets.

Stephen Salisbury, had Two hundred forty Votes. —	240
Calvin Willard, had Two hundred forty two Votes. —	242
Jason Goulding, had Two hundred thirty nine Votes. —	239
Nahum L. Bryant had Two hundred forty one Votes .	241
George Denney had Two hundred thirty eight Votes. —	238.

Democratic.

Otis Adams. had one hundred Votes. —	100.
Francis Howe had one hundred four Votes	104.
Ivers Phillips had one hundred four Votes. —	104.
Seth Hapgood had one hundred four Votes. —	104.
Alfred Bragg had one hundred four Votes	104.

Liberty Tickets. –

James G. Carter, had fifty Seven votes. – 57.
Rodolphus B. Hubbard had fifty Seven Votes. – 57.
Joseph Griggs had fifty Seven votes. – 57
Gilman Jones had fifty Seven Votes. – 57
Charles Adams Jr, had fifty Seven Votes, – 57

Native Tickets.

Royal B. Hancock had Seven Votes. – 7
Elias M Stillwell had – Six Votes – . – 6
William Sigourney had – Seven Votes. 7
Samuel Harrington had Seven Votes. 7
Seth Alden had . – Seven Votes. 7

The Whole Number of Ballots given in for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for District No Five was four hundred and eight. – – – – – – – – – – – – – – 408.

Charles Hudson had Two hundred forty nine Votes 249.
Waller A Bryant had one hundred Votes 100.
Rodolphus B. Hubbard had Fifty four Votes 54
Seth Alden had four votes. – . – 4
Joseph Leland had one Vote . – 1

Whole Number of Ballots given in for a Representative of said Town to the General Court was four hundred and four. – . – 404

Esek Saunders had Two hundred Nineteen Votes 219.
Charles Aldrich had Ninety seven votes . 97
Oliver M Brigham had Thirty votes 30
Holland Greenwood had Fifty one Votes. 51
Scattering . – . – . 7

And by vote the Meeting dissolved

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs holden at the Town House in said Grafton on Monday the ninth day of November A. D. 1846. at 2. O'clock P. M. pursuant to warning, to wit: —

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Otis Adams Moderator. —

Art 2d. The Town Voted to accept the list of names prepared by the Select-men to be placed in the Jury Box. —

The subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton ask leave to submit to said town a list of the names of the following persons by them selected to be placed in the Jury-Box viz: —

Silas Forbush, Jonathan Warren, Benjamin W. Fay, Luke Leland, Nathan Hancock, Luther Wright, John W. Slocomb, Ezek Saunders, Joseph Kimball, Charles Goddard, Levi N. Leland, Erastus Fisher, Chandler M. Pratt, Noah Kimball, Samuel Woods, Lawson Munyan, Lewis Holbrook, Liberty Wood, Willard S. Wood, Charles Brigham Jr. Lovel Stow, Philip Wing, Rufus E. Warren, John B. White, Oliver M. Brigham, Samuel F. Redding, A. & F. Smith, Elijam Kimball, John Whitney, Henry H. W. Sigourney, Calvin W. Forbush, Joseph Batchelder, Seth J. Axtell, Jonathan W. Stow, Jefferson Bellows, Royal A. Smith, Otis Adams, Leander S. Pratt, Jonathan D. Wheeler, Benjamin Kingsbury, John Watterman, Solomon Carroll, Frederick Watterman, John Putnam Jr. John P. Hayden, Abraham M. Bigelow, George Webster, Samuel W. Putnam,

Luke Leland,
Charles Goddard,
Ezek Saunders,
Philip Wing,
A. F. Smith,
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Art. 3. Voted to authorise the Select. Men. a Committee to examine into the facts, as set fourth in this Article and report at a future Meting. —

And the Meting was dissolved,

Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

November 9th. 1846. The Town having met at 3. O'clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment from the 21st day of September last past, the following further proceedings were had to wit: ——

Took up and acted on the seventh article,

Art. 7th. Motion was made to reconsider the Vote passed at the last Meeting, whereby the the Town voted to accept the doings of the Selectmen in their report, laying out a town road from near opposite the House of Emory Harrington's to near the house where Albert Sweet now lives at the Common so called in New England Village Divided the house 107 Voted not to reconsider the Vote, and 78 Voted to reconsider it. so the Vote was not reconsidered. .....

And the Meeting was adjourned for two weeks November 23d. current at 1. O'clock. P. M.

Attest, Charles Prentiss Town Clerk, ——

November 23d. 1846. The Town having met at one O'. Clock P. M. pursuant to adjournments from the 9th instant, the following further proceedings were had, to wit;-

It was moved and voted to take up the sixth article in the warrant and act thereon,

Art. 6th. The Town voted to reconsider the Vote passed on the seventh day of September last. whereby the town Voted Not to accept the doings of the Selectmen in their report in laying out a town road as petitioned for by Jonathan W. Stow and others.

And Motion was Made, Seconded, and The Town voted to Accept the Report which is in the words and figures following ——

Report of the Selectmen upon the laying out of a town way, —

(up.)

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have laid out for the use of said town, a Town Roads (notice having been given of the intention of the Selectmen to locate said road by giving it in writing to each of the persons whose land said road is laid over seven days previous to the date hereof,) as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones on the westerly side of the road leading from the house of Moses H. Adams to the house of Ebenezer Lincoln near the North end of a Ledge of rocks, then through land 31. – of said Adams North 21½ degrees East. 31 rods (it being two and a half to the west of a corner in the wall)

27. 4. – then North 11¾ degrees east 27 rods and 4. links to the line of Ebenezer Lincolns land, Thence North ¾ degrees west 64.5, on said Lincolns land 64¼ rods, Then North 1 degree west. 39. 17. Thirty nine rods 17 links to the line of Benjamin W. Fays lands, then continuing the same course through said Fays lands, 67. 10. 67½ rods. to the road a few rods to the Northeast of the new barn of the aforesaid Fay, to be 2½ rods wide and to lie on the easterly side of said Course, And we have determine the compensation for damages to the owners of lands over which said Way passes as follows, To Moses H. Adams
140. one hundred and forty dollars, to Ebenezer Lincoln
96. Ninety Six dollars, to Benj: W. Fay one hundred
101.25 one dollars and twenty five cents, for which sums for damages the Selectmen have agreed with the said two last named persons Lincoln and Fay, to be paid by the town of Grafton before said road is opened. and we allow the several owners of the lands aforesaid three Months to take off their crops Trees &c, standing and growing thereon, which said road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance; and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way Dated at Grafton this 27th. day of August in the year 1846.

Luke Leland
Charles Goddard
Philip Wing
Esek Saunders
A. H. Smith.

Selectmen of Grafton

Received August 31. 1846.

A correct copy
Attest Charles Prentiss Town Clerk.

Voted to take up the Eleventh Article.

Art. 11th Voted to choose a Committee of three to make the said road. —

By vote chose Otis Adams.
Oliver M. Brigham
Lovel Baker. } Committee,

Voted to take up the twelfth Article.

Art. 12th. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to accept and pay all the Highway Surveyors their bills as they are rendered. — — — — —

Voted to accept Samuel Wood and others a Committee chosen to defend a law suit brought against said Town by William C. Hunneman & Co.
Amount of Bill for costs &c. — — $133.37
Rejected Luke Leland's act. for services. —
Rejected Charles Goddard's act. for do. —
Voted to accept Oliver M. Brigham's act. . . 25.00
" " " Charles Prentiss act. — . . 52.87
" " " Edmund B Willson " . . 2.24
" " " E. W. Green. " . . 10.00
" " " M. L. Dwyer " . . 11.69
" " " Benj.a L. Peck. " . . 6.88
" " " A. F. Allen. " . . 2.00
" " " A. H. Allen " . . 3.50

Voted to take up the 9th Article. —

Art. 9th. Voted to authorize Esek Saunders to pay and settle the bill of one hundred and fifty Dollars claimed by Mr Keyes for damage his wife sustained in jumping from her carriage near the house of the late Samuel Leland, and report at a future meting

Voted to accept Oliver M Brigham's report, which is in the following words and figures. — — — — — — — — — —

The Committee appointed to report upon the Petition of Moses Roberts and others for an appropriation of Money to be expended on the road between Joseph Brown's and Reuben P. Leland's, have in part, attended to that duty, and report, that some Specific repairs are necessary, and which in part ought to be done by the District, and in part

by special appropriation, the first repairs and perhaps not the least in the opinion of your Committee ought to be made on the road by David Jourdans and Josiah H. Hammond by lowering the sides and raising the centre and covering the same with a coat of Gravel, and perhaps now and then an underground watercourse would be necessary to form a complete road, the next repairs would be to raise the road by J. Knox' barn and lower the hill above, with a slight alteration by widening the road up to the turn by Mr. Dunn's which in the opinion of your Committee must be done if done at all by the town or an appropriation for that purpose, and therefore we recommend that the town appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to be judiciously expended by a Committee of the town upon the road between Mr. Dunn's and the Bridge at Kittoll so called, all of which is respectfully submitted. —

Oliver M. Brigham,
Austin Holbrook,

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Make the said roads. ——— .—

By Vote Chose Oliver M. Brigham, Philip Wing, Austin Holbrook, } Committee

Voted to take up the twelfth article. —

Art. 12th. Voted to accept Holland Greenwood acct. $4.67

And by Vote the Meeting was dissolved,
Attest. Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the first day of March next at 9 o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles Viz:-

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said meeting.—

2d. To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer,—

3d. To Choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.—

4th. To hear the annual report of the Select men and act thereon.—

5th. To determine the manner of repairing the high ways, town ways and bridges within said Town the Year ensuing and fix the compensation for Labor employed thereon.—

6th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same,—

7th. To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury and fix the compensation of the collector,—

8th. To see if the town will establish a high School and determine the place or places where it shall be kept, and provide a suitable School room or rooms for the same, and make appropriation for those purposes, as petitioned for by Thomas C. Biscoe and others.—

9th. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sexton for burying the dead,—

10th. To hear the report of the General School Committee and act thereon,—

11th. To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon,—

12th. To see if the Town will authorise the several Prudential Committeemen to employ the School Teachers in their respective districts,

13th. To see if the town will cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12. M. and 9. o'clock P. M.

14th. To see if the town will authorise their Treasurer to to borrow money.

15th. To see if the Town will set apart a portion of School District No. nine for a new district, as petitioned for by Joseph H. Whitney and others,

16th. To accept town debts,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Centre of said town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village and Farnum's Ville, to stand out two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting,

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid,

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Luke Leland
Charles Goddard
Philip Wing
A. F. Smith
} Select-men of Grafton

Worcester, ss,
Grafton February 24th. 1847.
I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said Warrant,
Charles Prentice, Constable,

A True Copy of the warrant and the return Made thereon,
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At the annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the first day of March A.D. 1847. the following Proceedings were had to wit: ——

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Joseph Bruce, Moderator, —

Art. 2d. For County Treasurer, Anthony Chase had one hundred and eighteen Votes, ——

Art. 3d. Voted to have five Select-Men for the ensuing year. all to be voted for on one ballot, —

By Ballot chose Esek Saunders
Asa F. Smith.
John W. Slocomb
Luther Wright
Abraham M. Bigelow,
} Select-Men, all of whom appeared March 1. 1847. and were Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their office By Joseph Bruce. Just. Peace.
Attest Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

By Ballot. chose Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. who was sworn March. 6. 1847. by Joseph Bruce, Moderator.

Voted to choose a board of overseers of the Poor. to consist of three persons. —
the Vote was doubted divided the House and the Vote passed in the affirmative 69. yes 40 nays. —

By Ballot chose Oliver M. Brigham
Lewis Holbrook
Austin Holbrook
} overseers of the Poor the ensuing year. —

By Ballot chose Jonathan Warren Town Treasurer. Sworn Mar. 6. 1847.

Voted to have three assessor the ensuing year, —
By Ballot chose Charles Prentice
" " " Oliver M. Brigham
" " " Samuel Wood,
} Sworn Mar. 6. 1847. by Jos. Bruce Moderator. Assessors. Sworn March 6. 1847

Voted to take up the fourth articles. —

Art 4th. Voted to accept the report of the Select-Men which is in the words and figures following

(as) —

Report of the Selectmen of Grafton upon the condition of the Town for the year ending March 15. 1847.

Resources of the Town, —

a farm and buildings thereon cost,	$3000.00
Stock, Hay, Grain, Farming tools, Provision, House-hold furniture &c. as valued by Selectmen,	838.70
School fund, interest to be applied for schooling	1000.00
	$4838.70

Liabilities of the Town,

a note due the Provident Institution for for savings at Boston,	1000.00
Leaving a balance in favour of the town of	$3838.70

Cost of supporting Poor during past year upon Town farm. —

Interest on the farm at 5 per cent,	150.00
Agents Salary,	200.00
Paid for extra labor	43.07
" for Stock-Tools-Stove Clothing &c.	153.54
" by agent sundry bills	351.01
" Delano Pierce for Medical services & Medicine	47.57
	$945.19

Cr.

By cash rec'd by Agent for produce.	100.74	
increase of Stock & Tools on farm	126.75	
due from State for supporting Paupers	17.31	244.80
Balance for supporting Paupers on Farm past year,		$700.39

Whole number supported upon farm past year 15.

Number of weeks board is 487. being a considerable increase beyond the number of the preceding year — average cost per week including interest on the establishment, Board-Clothing. Physicians bills &c. $1.43. —

This result shews a considerable increase of expence for supporting Paupers on the farm for the past year compared with the more favourable report of the preceding year, yet we are not aware but that as strict economy as is consistant with the comfort and convenience of the inmates has been pursued, —

In consequence of the unusual small quantity of hay, grain and the necessary articles of food for the family, on hand at the close of the preceding years; and the enfeebled state of health of some of the Paupers it required considerable extra help to make them comfortable, and no other means having been provided to make up the deficiency short of frequent drafts upon the Treasury, —— . . . . .

The Board would remark as it respects the House on the farm that it is fast going to decay it is very ancient in its appearance inconvenient for the use it is put to uncomfortable for the family and inmates especially during the cold season of the year, the wood-lot on the farm will bear witness to the truth of the remarks just made, and in a few years the number of Trees now standing on the lot will be very much reduced, whether it will be policy for the Town to continue on with their old house as they have done or build a more suitable one or sell the entire establishment and purchase a new is for them hereafter to determine, —— . —— . —— . —— . ——

Expences incured for supporting Paupers off of the farm past year as follows, . — . — . —

For support of Henry B. Hayden including R. G. Safts bill for making Cage.	$. 112.03
For support of Lucius Stone,	86.00
" " of 2 Children of Mrs Louisa Sherman,	70.07
" " of Clark H. Brown and Clothing,	40.57
" " of Harriet Fibbets at the house of Correction in Boston,	8.42
" " of Mrs. Deborah Warren	18.39
" " of Miss. Sally Phillips	47.80
" " of John Wood & family 5 in No.	44.65
Paid to relieve Poor Travellers that called for assistance	10.00
	$. 437.93
For support of Mary B. Bond at the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester from October 13th 1845 to May 31st. 1846.	81.71
whole expence paid off of farm —— . —— . ——	$. 519 64

Whole number supported on Farm 15.
" " " Off of Farm 14
Total — 29 —

The Select-men further report that they have settled with Jonathan Warren Treasurer of said Town and his account stands as follows, —— . —— .

Dr.

To balance on hand last year, . —	$. 2490.93
(use) . —	

Amount brought up.		2490.93
To amount of Town grant.	5000.00	
To overlayings on ad the Taxes.	107.52	5107.52
To balance received on R. W. Flaggs note		436.64
" Interest received on School Note		60.00
" amount rec.d for support of State Paupers.		2.24
" amount rec.d from State School funds.		112.02
" Amount rec.d for Licencing Pedlers		16.00
		$8225.35

Deduct from the above in the hands of the Collectors not available to the Treasurer. as follows.

In the hands of S. Dunsmore	362.73	
In the hands of E. B. Bigelow	442.26	804.99
Amount of available funds in hands of Treas.r the past year.		$7420.36

Or.

By amount of orders paid Select-men as follows. -

Paid for support of Common Schools.	2000.00
" Assessors wages	82.87
" for services of General School Committee.	78.88
" for support of Poor on Town farm.	867.17
" for support of Poor off of Town farm.	416.08
" Committee for making and repairing roads	360.50
" Damage to Luther Tinsley, and Patrick & Peter Lenhon for deficiency in the road.	206.00
" Damage to owners of land for locating roads	155.00
" Bills of Engine Committee	745.72
" Highway Surveyors	961.07
" for breaking out roads	101.40
" for Burying ground in N. E. Village	387.12
" Sexton's bills for Burying the Dead	38.50
" for wall and Railing at the Wheeler Bridge	17.09
" for Recording Births and Deaths	40.76
" Treasurer for services & interest on Money advanced	68.90
" Sundry other Bills.	68.03
Total amount of orders paid.	$6595.09
Paid interest on Town note at Boston.	100.00
" on note due The Provident Institution for savings at Boston.	1008.50
" assessors orders for abatement of Taxes.	135.19
" State Lunitic Hospital for sup.port of Mary B Pond	81.71
" James H. Cheney for collecting taxes.	28.81
	$7949.30

Amount carried over

Amount Brought over, . . — $.7949.30
Available means in the hands of Treasurer. 7420.36
Treasurer advanced beyond the means in his hands, — . . — } $.528.94
which Sum deduct from the $.804.99
in the hands of the Collectors, — 528.94
will leave a balance in favor of the Town to the amount . . — } $.276.05

All which is Respectfully submitted
Grafton March 1st. 1847. — . . —

Luke Leland
Charles Goddard
Esek Saunders. —
Philip Wing —
A. F. Smith. . } Selectmen of Grafton,

Voted to take up the fourteenth article. —
Art. 14th. voted to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as he may be directed by the Selectmen, to meet the demands against said town, not to exceed the sum of Two thousand dollars. —

Voted to take up the third article, and act thereon,
Art. 3d. voted to have a General School Committee of Three,
By Ballot Chose Thomas C. Biscoe
" " " Edmund B. Willson
William C. Richards } General School Committee,
voted to take up the eighth article. — . . —
Art. 8th motion was made to pass over this article, and it passed in the negative. — . . — . . —
motion was then made to pass over this article indefinately. — and it passed in the negative, — . . — . . — . . —
Motion was made for the Town to establish a High-School, divided the House and it passed in the affirmative, — . . — . . — . . — . . —
voted to choose a Committee of three to take the subject into consideration and report a plan &c. at the
V. next adjourned Meeting

By vote Chose, Edmund B. Willson
Samuel Woods. —
Oliver M. Brigham
voted to add four more to the Committee,
By vote Chose. — Thomas C. Biscoe,
Austin Holbrook —
Otis Adams —
William Thornton. } Committee

Art. 3d. voted to have six Constables the ensuing year, —.

By Ballot Chose. Charles Prentice } Sworn March 6. 1847 by Jn. Brown Moderator. —
Sworn Mar 8. 1847. Lovell Baker jr. }
Sworn Mar. 1. 1847. — Ebenezer Aldrich }
Sworn Mar. 1. 1847. — Samuel A. Dalrymple } Constables. —
Sworn Mar. 1. 1847. — Barnabas Newton }
Sworn Mar. 1. 1847. — Nathaniel G. Whitney }

voted to choose the remainder of the Town Officers by hand vote, voted to take up the twelfth article, — . — . — .

Art. 12th. voted the Prudential Committeemen of the several School Districts hire their Teachers the ensuing year, — . — . —
voted to take up the fifth article.

Art. 5th. motion was made to repair the roads &c. in the same way as last year. it was put to vote and passed in the negative, —

The Town then voted the highway tax be a labor tax, and worked out on the roads, and allow for man and one yoke of oxen twelve and half cents an hour for what time they work, price for tools left discretionary with the surveyors, — . — . —
voted to have thirteen highway surveyors the ensuing year,

By vote Chose, Rufus E. Warren } Sworn Mar. 9. 1847.
George Dunn. } Sworn June 2. 1847.
Levi N. Leland. } Excused.
Hollis Chamberlain. } Sworn June 2. 1847
Joseph Merriam Jr. } Sworn April 5. 1847. —
Sworn. Edmund F. Wheeler. } Highway
Seth J. Axtell } Sworn April 14. 1847.
Sworn Mar. 8. 1847. Esek Saunders. } Surveyors, —
Charles Goddard. } Sworn May 31. 1847.
Joseph H. Whitney. } Sworn —
Jonas B. Brigham. } Sworn March 29. 1847. —
John Phillips. } Excused
Sworn Mar. 4. 1847. — Rodney G. Dennis. }

voted to choose a Committee of three to take special charge of all bridges belonging to the town whose sluices are eight feet and upwards. —.

By vote Chose Luke Leland }
Philip Wing } Bridge Committee.
Jefferson Bellows }

voted to have ten firewards the ensuing year.
By vote Chose Edward B. Bigelow }
Barnabas Newton }

By vote Chose Samuel A. Dalrymple — accepts Mar. 8. 1847.
Otis Adams — accepts.
Ezek Saunders — accepts Mar. 8. 1847
Nathan Hancock — Fire wards, —
Luther Wright — accepts Mar. 8. 1847.
C. M. Pratt — accepts.
Jefferson Bellows — accepts.
Samuel Woods, — accepts Mar. 6. 1847.

Voted to have three Field Drivers the ensuing year,
By vote Chose. Rufus W. Davenport — Sworn Mar. 5th. 1847.
~~James G. Putnam~~
Leonard S. Whitlock — Field Drivers.
Martin Fassett — Sworn Mar. 6. 1847.

voted to have six fence viewers the ensuing year
By vote Chose Ezra K. Pratt
James G. Putnam
Joseph Willard
David White, — Fence viewers,
Moses Roberts — Sworn May 4th. 1847
Joshua W. Leland — Sworn May 4th 1847.

voted to have three sealers of Leather the ensuing year,
By vote Chose John Whitney
Rufus E. Warren — Sealers of Leather,
Lewis W. Dodge, — Sworn Mar. 5. 1847. —

voted to have four Surveyors of Lumber,
By vote Chose, George G. Carpenter — Sworn March 18. 1847. —
Noah Fletcher — Surveyors of Lumber,
Calvin Closbee —
Orvis L. Bliss. — Sworn Mar. 8. 1847. —

By vote Chose Nathan Hancock. sealer of weights and and Measures. Sworn May 31. 1847.

voted to Choose a Committee of three to audit accounts,

By vote Chose, Winthrop Faulkner
Augustus Slocomb — Auditing Committee
Ebenezer Aldrich.

and by vote the Meting was adjourned for one week to Met at this place at 1. o' Clock. P. M.
Attest
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

March 8d. 1847. The Town having met at 1. o' clock P.M. pursuants to adjournment from the first day of March Currents the following further procedings were had; to wit:—

after reading the procedings of the last meting voted to take up the eleventh Article

Art. 11th The Committee appointed by the Town at the last Meting made their Report, which the Town voted to accept, and is in the following words; —

The Committee appointed by the town to digest some plan of procedure by which the vote of the town to establish a High School may be carried into effect, submit the following

Report.—

The Committee are agreed in the opinion that the first thing to be done is to provide a suitable house in which such a School may be kept. — They know of no place which at present is, or without very considerable expense can be made, in any degree suitable for the purposes of such an institution; nor any place which with such expense, can be made all that it is desirable such a school should have.

Nothing, they are persuaded, would do more to give permanency to the school than taking this step. And this anticipation of a permanent School they consider essential to its present success. The best Scholars, such as would give the highest character, tone, & influence to the School, such as are pursueing a thorough and somewhat extended course of study, probably would not be withdrawn from other Schools to be placed in this, unless it was seen that the School would be likely to be continued. —

Nor would any School of this sort which may be established, possess any attraction for such persons as are thinking of seeking a home among us, unless it be a permanent one. If your Committee rightly understand it, a high School for a quarter or two or three terms, is not what was contemplated by the town, when they voted it was their minds that a High School should be set in operation. It was not, as they conceive, a temporary School that was proposed, advocated, nor accepted. The Committee are of the opinion that it would go far to defeat the measure altogether, to fit up indifferently some ill-adapted place which would be inconvenient or unhealthful or both.

They believe that the experiments of a High School cannot be fairly tried, unless it shall be opened in some place provided expressly and properly for it. ——

They Therefore recommend that the Town Choose a Committee who may be empowered to purchase what will be in their judgment, all things considered, the best site that can be obtained, and Erect upon it a School House, which shall be made convenient for at least one hundred Scholars; and that the work be accomplished as early as is practicable, and consistant with a just economy.

And they further recommend that the School be not opened till such accomodations are provided.

This will give the General School Committee time to find a fit Teacher, and to make such preparations as are necessary to give to the School at the outset a good Character, and place it at once on such a footing as shall promise permanency and success.

If this plan be adopted it is thought that the School may go into operation early in the fall.

It may be deemed an objection to the plan proposed, That it will burden the town with a heavy expense at a time when they are already subjected to More than their ordinary expenses.

But if such a feeling is entertained, the matter may be so arranged, that the whole cost of the House, or any part of it, shall not be assessed the present year; and it may be paid by annual instalments, thro' a series of years. —

Your Committee do not perceive that any farther measures are necessary to be taken by the Town at present, than to build a house; as they do not think it expedient that the School should commence till this is done. —

Edmund B. Willson
Samuel Wood
Otis Adams
Thomas C. Biscoe
William Thornton

Art. 11th. Motion was made to adopt the Committees Report, divided the house and it passed in the affirmative; 114 to 89. ——————

The Town then voted to Choose a Committee of five all to be voted for on one Ballot to carry out the report of the Committee. ——

By Ballot Chose Otis Adams
Samuel Wood
Esek Saunders
A. F. Smith
Jonathan D. Wheeler
} Committee. —

voted to take up the third Article. .....

Art. 5th Voted to add two more to the General School Committee,

By Ballot chose Benjamin A. Edwards } General School
Levi Rawson. .—. } Committee, —

Voted the Select men appoint a Pound Keeper, also voted to have twelve measurers of wood and bark to be appointed by the Select men for the ensuing year,

Voted to make the Highway Surveyors. Collectors of high=way taxes the ensuing year, .—.—.—.—.—.

Art. 12th Voted the Selectmen cause cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12. M. and 9. o'Clock P. M, —
voted to take up the sixth article. .—.—.—.—.

Art. 6th Voted to grant the Sum of Six thousand five hundred dollars to defray town charges the ensuing year.—

Voted the Sum of one thousand dollars, be appr=opriated in a labor tax and worked out on the high ways and Sluices of eight feet and under the ensuing year, —.

Voted to appropriate the Sum of Two thousand dollars with the interest of the School note and what comes from the Commonwealth for schooling the ensuing year, two thirds for winter and one third for Summer Schools, to be expended as dir=ected by the Prudential School Committeemen —.—

Art. 7th The town voted that all persons who shall voluntarily pay the Collector within such Periods of time from the 12th. day of July next as hereafter named, shall have a discount made on their taxes as follows; to wit: —
To such as pay within 30 days. 5 per cent. within 60 days 4 per cent, within 90 days 3 per Cent and within 120 days 2 per cents. — And that all Single Poll taxes be collected within 30 days from said 12th day of July,
And the remainder of all taxes to be collected and paid over to the Treasurer by the first day of January next. And the Collector shall pay over to the Treasurer all monies by him collected as often as once in 30 days from the said 12th day of July untill the whole shall be collected and paid over to the Treasurer. —
Put up the collection of taxes to the lowest bidder and it was struck off to Edward B. Bigelow at four & eighteenths of of a Mill on the dollar. (4 8/10) And By Ballot Chose Edward B. Bigelow. Collector of Taxes the ensuing year — who was Sworn June 30 1847. by Chas. F. Adams Justice Peace

voted to take up the tenth article.
Art. 10th voted to accept the Report of the General School committee. which is on file. — — — — —
And by vote adjourned this Meting to the first Monday of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon.
Attest!
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

April 5th. 1847. The Town having met at 1. o'clock P. M. — pursuant to adjournment of the annual March Meting from the eighth day of March last, the following further proceedings were had; to wit; — — — — — — —
after reading the proceedings of the last Meting
Took up the ninth article. —
Art. 9th. Voted to pay the Sexton for digging and filling Grave, ringing the Bell to give notice of a death, Tolling it at the funeral, and attending with his horse and the Town's Hearse. one dollar and seventy five cts. also that the friends of the deceased pay him one dollar more for his services. —

voted to take up the fifth article. — —
Art. 5th. Motion was made to authorize the Bridge Committee to fill up the Canal Bridge. the Town voted to leave the repairing or filling up the said bridge discretionary with the Bridge Committee to act according to their best judgments. —

voted to take up the eighth article
Art. 8th. The Town voted to reconsider all votes passed at former Metings relating to the establishments of a High School in the Town of Grafton
Also voted to dissolve the 8th article in the warrant so far as it relates to the establishments of a High School in said town — — — — —

Voted to adjourn this Meting for thirty Minutes
The Town having met pursuant to adjournment. —
Took up the fifteenth article
Art. 15th. Voted to Choose a Committee of three to examine and report on this article as petitioned for by Joseph H. Whitney and others, and report at adjourned meting.
By vote Chose { Edward Stearns, C. M. Pratt, Luke Leland } Committee
" " " " "

Voted not to Choose a General School Committee-Man in place of Doct. Levi Rawson. chosen at the last Quarterly Meeting and declining serving.

Art. 3d. Voted to Choose a highway Surveyor in place of Levi N. Leland excused, and By Vote Chose Silas Forbush. Highway Surveyor and Collector of highway taxes in Stead of L. N. Leland. who appeared and was sworn June 2. 1847.

By Vote Chose Cromwell Laithe Highway Surveyor and collector of highway taxes the ensuing year in Stead of John Phillips excused, who come forward and was sworn May 3. 1847.

By Vote Chose Joseph H. Whitney. Tythingman. for the ensuing Year.

Took up the Sixteenth Article.
Voted to passover this article for the present.

And this Muting was by vote adjourned for two weeks at 3. o'clock P.M.

Attest
Charles Prentice Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Elections, to Meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the fifth day of April next, at 3. o'clock in the afternoon. to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners on one Ballot, also for two Special Commissioners in habitants of different towns in said County, &c.

And you are also directed to notify and warn the aforesaid inhabitants, qualified to Vote in Town affairs to Meet on said day at the same place at four o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Muting.

2d. To see if the Town will set the place of William Eager (the same that Silas Walcutt now occupies) to School District No. 5. or act thereon. — — — — — —

3d. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to Make or cause to be Made the road and bridges from Grafton Common to Millbury line as laid out by the County Commissioners or act thereon.

4th. To hear the report of any out standing Committee and act thereon. — — — — — —

5th. To accept Town debts. — — — — — —

6th. To see if the Town will cause notice of their Metings to be posted in the Meting-house at Saunders Village or act thereon. —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the center of said Town, — and at the Meting-House in New England Village and Farnums Ville, to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meting. — — — —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at the time and place of Meting as aforesaid. —

Given under our hands this twenty Sixth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty seven. — — — —

Ezek Saunders }
A. F. Smith. } Select men
J. W. Slocomb } of
Luther Wright } Grafton,

Worcester, ss, Grafton March 29th 1847 —

I have served this warrant by Posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the Town of Grafton, pursuant to the directions in said warrant. —

Charles Prentice Constable of Grafton,

A. True Copy —
Attest, Charles Prentice Town Clerk, —

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of April A.D. 1847. for the purpose of giving in their Votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners on one Ballot, - also for two Special Commissioners, on one Ballot for the County of Worcester, all being inhabitants of different Towns in said County. ——————————————

whole number of Ballots was two hundred five

For County Commissioners.

William Crawford had one hundred fifty four Votes
Jerome Gardner " one hundred fifty five Votes
Joseph Brown " one hundred fifty two Votes
Nathaniel Wood " fifty Votes
William P. Marble " fifty Votes
Warren Flames " fifty Votes

For Special Commissioners. —

Stephen Davis. " one hundred fifty four Votes
Jason Goulding " one hundred fifty three Votes
Gardner Ruggles " fifty Votes. —
Otis Adams " Thirty six Votes. -

At a legal Meeting of the aforesaid Inhabitants held on the same day at the same place at 4. O'Clock P. M. the following proceedings were had to wit: ——————————

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Esek Saunders, Moderator. ——

Art. 2d. Voted to Choose a Committee of two to establish the bounds of said plan Mentioned in this article to set to School District No. 5. and report at a future Meeting. ——

By vote chose Philip Wing — } Committee. —
" " " Jonathan Sibley }

Voted to adjourn this Meeting for 30 Minutes.

The Town met pursuant to adjournment. ——

Art. 3d. the Town voted to Choose a Committee of five all on one Ballot to Make or cause to be Made the road recently laid out by the County Commissioners from Grafton Common to Millbury line. —

By Ballot Chose Joseph Brown, - Lovell Baker, Jonathan Warren, - Otis Adams, and Chandler M. Pratt. said Committee Voted take up the Sixth article.

Art. 6th. Voted. That all warrants for calling Town Meetings, for the future be posted up at Saunders Village in the same way they are at the other Meeting-houses in said Town. —

And by vote the Meeting was adjourned for two weeks at 2. O'Clock P.M.

Attest. Charles Pinkie, Town Clerk. — — —

The Selectmen appointed the following Persons for Measurers of Wood the ensuing year.

Grafton Centre
Samuel Harrington
Augustus Slocomb
Jon.a H. Wood. —
John Waterman —
Luke F Allen
Benjamin Kingsbury

New England Village
Nathaniel G. Whitney
Lewis Bigelow
Lucius M. Smith

Saunders Vill.
Gilbert C. Taft.

Farnums Vill.
Thomas Buffum

Fishers Vill.
William B. Nolen.

Samuel F. Stone. Pound Keeper. who come forward and was Sworn April 5. 1847. —

Grafton April 5th 1847.

A. M. Bigelow { Sec'y of the Board Selectmen. —.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of worcester. — — — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabetants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the 19th day of April Current at 1. o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz: — —

1.st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
2d To see if the town petition the County Commissioners to discontinue so much of the road recently laid out by them from Grafton Common to Worcester as lies between said Common —

and a point at or near the Guide board where the road leading to Westboro diverges from the old County road, — —

3d. To see if the town will petition said Commissioners for a Jury to relocate the same road over a different route between the same termini defer the construction of said road, or act in any other way or manner relative to the discontinuance or relocation of said road. —

4th. To see if the town will dismiss the Committee prematurely Chosen at a former Meeting to construct said roads — as petitioned for by Doctr Delano Pierce and others. — — —

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Centre of said town and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village, Farnum's Ville and Saunders Village to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting. —

Here of fail not and Make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. —

Given under our hands this tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven. —

A. F. Smith
Luther Wright
A. M. Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss.

Grafton April 19. 1847

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said town. pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs held at the town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the 19th day of April A.D. 1847 at one o'clock P.M. the following proceedings were had; to wit:

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Otis Adams. Moderator of the Meeting. —

Art 2d. The following Motion was made by S. Allen in writing viz:
It is Moved that the town of Grafton petition the County Commissioners to discontinue so much of the road recently laid out by them from Grafton Common to Darius Rice's in Worcester as lies between said Common and a point near the guide board where the road leading to Westboro diverges from the old County road and at the same time so to alter raise and lower the old County road from the point near the guide board aforesaid to said common as to make all necessary specific repairs on the same. —
This was put to Vote and it passed in the negative. —

Art. 3d. Motion was made to see if the Town will petition the said County Commissioners for a Jury to relocate the same road over a different route according to the Article in the warrant. —
And the town Voted it in the negative. —

Art. 4th. Motion was made to see if the town will dismiss the Committee Chosen at a former meeting to construct said road. —
And the town Voted it in the negative. —
And by Vote the Meeting was dissolved
Attest Charles Prentice Town Clerk. —

April 19th. 1847. The Town having met at 2. O'clock P.M. pursuant to adjournment of the annual March Meeting from the 5th instant the following further proceedings were had; to wit: —
After reading the proceedings of the last Meeting voted to take up the Eleventh article in the warrant
Art. 11th. voted to accept the report of the Committee Chosen at the last Meeting Edwin Stearns Chairman of dividing School District No 9. which report is on file. —
voted to accept the report of the Committee Chosen at the last Meeting, which is in the following words & figures

The Committee appointed by the town at the last meeting to determine the limits of William Eager's place (now occupied by Silas Walcutt) to set to School District No. 5. have attended to the subject, and report. —

Your Committee have examined the bounds of the Districts, and recommend as follows,

Beginning on the Southerly side of the road between Joseph Bruce and Jonathan Sibley's at the end of a wall between land of E. Demond and said Bruce nearly opposite the Eager House a bound of the Road or District No. 5. thence westwardly by wall on the South side of said road to the Brook about 30 rods. thence Northwardly in a direct line to a point thirty rods due north of Samuel Prentice's house a bound of the Merriam or No. 8 District, and of School District No. 5. or the Road District so called. both lines run by School District No. 1. —

which is Respectfully submitted

Grafton April 19th. 1847.

Philip Wing
Jonathan Sibley } Committee.

Voted to take up the 16th article. —

Art. 16th Voted to accept the following town Debts. — . — . —

Lovel Baker	aut. —	$5.00
Philip Wing	"	3.00
E. M. Pratt	"	26.25
Philip Wing	"	2.00
Charles Goddard	" voted to pass over this aut. — Voted to reconsider the last vote and have the aut. presented to the auditing committee. — . — . —	
Oliver M. Brigham	aut	5.00
Joshua Spear's	aut voted to refer it to the auditing committee	
Benj.a A Edwards	aut. —	19.00

William T. Leisure acct voted to refer it to the auditing Committee. —
Thomas C. Pascoe. — acct. 23.00
Harrington & Cobuler. — " 1.30
Edmunds B. Willson. " 20.00
Samuel Hall " 90.25
Samuel F. Redding " 1.00
Samuel Houghton voted to have it referred to the auditing Committee.
Otis Adams — " 8.25
Lewis Holbrook voted to refer the acct to the auditing Committee —
Samuel A Dalrymple. " 7.00
Oliver M. Brigham " 13.25

Voted to take up the sixth article. —
Art 6th voted the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized under the direction of the Selectmen to Borrow a Sum of Money Sufficient to pay for Making the roads laid out the past year by the County Commissioners and the Selectmen of said Town. —
And by vote the Meting was dissolved
Attest Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

April 19th. 1847. The Town having met at 3 O'clock P.M. pursuant to adjournment from the 5th instant the following further proceedings were had, to, wit:—
first to read the records of the last meting,
Then took up the 5th article in the warrant.

Art. 5th. voted to accept Jeremiah S. Holmes acct 31.84
also Jeremiah S. Holmes acct. — 2.75
And by vote the Meting was Dissolved
Attest
Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

July 1st. 1847. This day Edward B. Bigelow came forward and was sworn to the faithful and impartial duties of his office as Collector of Taxes the ensuing year
By me Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

To Joseph Pinkham, you are hereby ordered to notify and warn all the Trustees of the N.E. Church by leaving a written or verbal notice at their last and usual place of abode to meet at the N.E. Chappel Tuesday July 6th at 10. o'clock A.M. —

First To Choose a Moderator of said Meeting
2. To Choose a Clerk of said Society
3. To transact such other business as may come before them pertaining to said society. —

Fail not and Make due return of your doings to me on or before the time of said Meeting. —

Given under my hand this 6 day of July 1847. —

C. B. Jencks, Justice of the Peace

Pursuant to the within I have notified all of the Trustees. —

Joseph Pinkham, —

A True Copy
attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, ——

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Grafton, we the undersigned ASSESSORS of said town, agreable to the law of this Commonwealth, have enrolled the following persons in the Militia of said town for the year Eighteen hundred and forty seven. ……
Jos. B. Adams, Charles B. Adams, Moses Adams, Eliot Carpenter, Lafayette Carpenter, Charles H. Howard, Cyrus A French, Charles Adams, John Rockwood, Peter Hunts, H. G. O. Claflin, Wm Holbrook, Samuel Hutchinson, Rufus Howe, Francis Carroll, Hollis Chamberlain Harrison Crocker, Charles Handy, Henry Brewster, John Newton, Lewis Whitney, Charles R. Whitcomb, Wm E. Whitcomb, Charles W Mitchell, Ezra Phillips Jr, John C. Knowlton, Joseph Copeland, Jon.a L. Patch, Frederick Brimblecom, Francis A. Brimblecom, Benj.a S. Watson, Benj.a Robinson, — Martin R. Howe. Samuel Whitney, Hiram Wilson Cyrus E. Dalrymple, Samuel Wilson, Jon.a E. Nichols, James H. Smith, Charles M. Smith, Henry Gates, John L. Sinclair, Uriah Scarles, Samuel Clough William E. Hayden, John G. Desmond, David Hill Orvis Mc. Knight. Harvey Hoddard. Lewis H. Bigelow —

Samuel Pennock, Jno. Prentice, James Martin, Charles Houghton, Amos R. Bates, Thomas Coutz, Elijah B. Knowlton, John R. Smith, Wm. S. Gates, Geo. H. Newton, Henry B. Fairbanks, David Lincoln, Sumner L. Stow, George L. Batchelder, Charles Kelly, Jos. Kelly, Orin Davis, James B. Starkey, Noah Goodrich, George L. Hubbard, Jabez A. Smith, Willard L. Richards, Wm. J. Barker, George Frost, David Fisher Jr, Samuel King, Elijah B. Brooks, Samuel W. Putnam, Adolphus Hosse, George Bunnell Willard Woodcock, Amasa Jourdan jr, Geo. W. Thurston, James Inman, Orka C. Darling, Jotham W. Taft, Timothy L. Wheelock, Israel Brown, Leoki H. Leland, Otis Farrington, Eliab L. Jourdan, Joel Taft, George A. Brown, Wm. Brown, Ebenr. R. Dodge, Ephraim C. Neely, Thomas J. Neely, Cromwell Laithe, Andrew L. Phillips L. Phillips, John Paine, Ariel H. Davenport, Zebulon Wilson, John S. Sweeney, Calvin Patrick, Mardin Leavitt, Thomas C. Baldwin, Dennis Kelly, H. H. W. Sigourney, Richard Blunn, Cyrus W. Stratton, Reuben Taylor, Hillel Baker, Josiah G. Hall, Royal H. Leland, Wm. Hoyle, Leander S. Pratt, James Dorrant, Hamilton Redding, Silas Converse, Joseph Daniels, Lewis C. Randall, Charles A. Smith, Samuel Williams, Erastus White, Frances J. Gerry, Rufus Howe, Maurice Reardon, Thos. J. Baker, Ira Lemley, Samuel Bridgham, Charles J. Fay, Christobha G. Holbrook, Robert Davis, Thomas Aldrich, Amos Fuller Jr, Simon Austin, Luke Cass, Samuel F. Stone, Joshua Spear Jr, Augustus Brooks, Wm. Prentice, Orlando Whitney, Charles Barker, George Phillips, John Hitchings, Benj. Heywood Jr, John Daniels, Phineas Gates Jr, Timothy Bosworth, John W. Quade, Nelson Perry, William Perry, Simeon Crumb, Cyrus Perry, Mason Morse, Thomas H. Mudge, Wm. A. W. Ford, Jos. H. Clark, Otis Fuller, Horace Batchelor, George Brown, Barnard Fowler, Wyman Fay, Daniel J. Smith, George H. Whitney, Humphrey M. Tyler, Sumner Eaton, Seneca Congdon, Samuel F. Redding, Levi Green, Charles Bigelow, Sumner Dunmore, H. D. P. Bigelow, Wm. P. Hayward, Jonas C. Greenwood, Jno. C. Warren, Horace Warren, Geo. W. Fairbanks, Warren Brigham, Dexter D. Ball, Wm. M. Stow, Daniel Wheelock, Lysander Grow, John Barry, Barnabas Newton, Wm. P. Robbins, James Prescott, Merrill Greenwood, Estes A. King, John Ward, Geo. Rich, Elbridge G. Prentice, John R. Smith, John Briggs, Augustus Noyes, George F. Noyes, James G. Batchelder, Amos Smith, Jacob Spring, Constant R. Davis, John B. Rice, Hanford C. Dunham, Wm. Place, Nath. L. Eddy, Warren Campbell, John A. Dodge, John P. Smith,

Levi L. Smith, Gilbert C. Taft, Hartwell T. Eddy, Jephthah P. Newton, Stephen C. Brown, Amos D. Johnson, Austin Leland, David W. Brown, Joseph G. Brown, Horace P. Brown, Smith Tift, Charles Thayer, Dexter Gleason, Shepard Cooper, Timo. C. Leland, Horace L. Gleason, Orris L. Bliss, Robert Mc. Farland, Osgood Mc. Farland, Charles Taft, Sylvester Bliss, Jason L. Lewis, Charles A. Chase, Jos. M. Snell, William Holbrook, David Stetson, Smith P. Chase, Edward Corta, Joseph Corta, Geo. W. Crowell, Thomas Cady, Wm. C. Tucker, Amer Aldrich, Rumford Whitney, Alden Whitney, Francis Whitney, James Gregory, James Gregory jr, Isaac Redding, Elisha Spring, Thomas Hall, Samuel C. Willis, Wm. B. Nolen, George Webster, Emerson B. Green, Jefferson, Bullows, Thomas A. Buffum, Arnold Smith, Joseph Loomis, Charles D. Hudson, James Hudson, Luther Wright, Alford Morse, Arnold Sherman, Robert Wilson, Lorin Davis, Albert C. Williams, Hiram Sibley, Henry Barnes, Geo. W. Bradford, Benson Buxton, James Piper, Benjamin Robbins, William Howe, Geo. W. Kelley, James King, Silas Hadley, Leonard Buxton, Darius Kenyon jr, Alpheus Corbin, John Wagner, John B. St. George, Horatio Davis, Charles Hogar, Ithiel P. Barnum, Eri Jackson, Aaron Holmes, Joseph D. Bonn, Adolphus Fowler, Stephen R White, Roswell B. Hodge, Alanson Pettis, Tarrant S. Sherman, Francis A Hall, Luke Leland jr. Darius White, N. H. Odiorne, Thomas J. Drury, Henry G. Prentice, Jon. B. Sibley, David R. Chamberlain, Henry B. Powers, Jeremiah Flagg, Frederick Waterman, Charles C. Jourdan, William Jourdan, Henry R. Keith, Charles B. Demond, Benjamin Brown, Edwin A. Chapin, Augustus White, Isaac H. Southwick, Geo. G. Carpenter, Stephen Gerry, — Spring, Harrison Eames, Calvin Prentice, Wm. Fisk, Daniel Sumner, George E. Stearns, William Rice, C. M. Pratt, Ebenezer Barrett, Albert Buck, Lorin H. Buck, Joseph G. Batchelder, Sydney Bolton, Anthony Burroway, John Bridges, Geo. E. Burns, Robert D. Chase, Martin Carlile, Rowland Cobb, Rowland Cobb jr, Calvin Clisbee, Wm. W. Wilson, — David Chase, Olney Davis, Philip Dague, Mitchell Dague, Francis Dague, Franklin H. Dwyer, Robert W. Flagg, Daniel F. Fuller, Charles W. Follett, Samuel — Goffen Ralph, James A. Green, William P. Gifford, Henry A. Gifford, Flint Howe, Lorin Hoyle, — Henry Harrison, Charles B. Jenckes, Henry Johnson, Thomas Jones, Lewis Jacobs, Rock Jacobs, Thomas L. Jacobs, Job G. Johnson, Andrew L. Kendall, Luke Knox, Samuel A. Knox, Lorin Lamson, Robert Lindsey, Robert Mowry, J. W. Mc. Intyre, Wm. Mayor, Lewis Mc. Farland, George W. Pelton, John Putnam jr. ———

William Pierce, Jasper W. Putnam, Samuel Palmer, Isaac D. Palmer, Ezra K. Pratt, Charles Phelps, Francis Robinson, Marvin Rood, Duncan Farmer, Joshua C. Thompson, Lucius M. Smith, Thomas Sargeant, Albert Swett, Jesse H. Smith, Edward Smith, Paul Summiter, Peter Snow, A. W. Stockbridge, Joseph Snow, Amos Smith, Nath. F. Skinner, Pascal Summiter, — Peter Summiter, Francis Vickery, Abraham Vest, — Daniel Young, Dexter B. Wingate, Jeremiah Whitcomb, John Woods, Ira Washburn, Seth C. Winslow, Nathaniel G. Whitney, Calvin Wilson, Alphonzo Barrus, Dan'l. Byron, Peter Bird, Jos. B. Flagg, Horace S. Hayden, Henry H. Messenger, D. H. Wheeler, John W. Wheeler, Samuel A. Wheeler, George H. Blodgh, Joshua Thompson, Luther M. Harrington, Lucius M. Smith, Rufus H. Whitney, Charles A. — Holbrook, Edwin Smith, Wm. Thornton, James S. Pinkham, Alexander Pollock, Daniel G. Fairbanks, Rufus Scott, Charles Merry, Walter Harrington, — Francis Pinkham, Leonard S. Whitcomb, Luke Pollard, Shamer L. Chaffee, — Shackley, James A. Smith, — Charles Prentice 2nd, Ira Graves, Daniel B. White, — Ashley W. Rice, Frederick W. Putnam, Albert A. Payne, Elbridge G. Harrington, Charles Whitcomb, Curtis Parsons, Geo. L. Hubbard, Nathan B. Harlow, David Hill, Charles Goddard 2nd, — Willard Bullard, — George W. Harrington, Moriah M. Elliot, Jeremiah J. Goodrich, Isaac S. Harrington, Lorenzo D. Crosby, Charles F. Leland, Luther Harrington, Anson W. Chubb, Isaac Mason, Ethanan Wheeler, Edmund H. — Wheeler, Samuel Dolliver, Francis Bigelow, Tom. Flagert, John Harrington, George W. Smith, — Adolphus F. Goodrich, Cyrus Ames, William R. Fox, Samuel A. Moses, John H. Chandler, — Witherbee, Oliver Pierce, Wm. L. Lewis, Charles Harrington, George Odlum, John Merriam, Christopher Thorbjorn, Wm. H. Thompson, Henry Emory, Charles Knowlton, Abner M. Stow, Nathan S. Whitcomb, Wm. O. Bartlett, John C. Holmes, Jos. H. Whitney, Hanson F. Harrington, Wm. A. Dispeau, Joseph D. Dispeau, John B. Smith, Samuel H. Hardy, Henry Hastings, Alonzo Gowen, Jos. W. Fast, Adolphus Howe, Samuel Chase, Joseph Dolliver, Jos. Houghton, Moses D. Whitcomb, Henry W. Coombs, Charles B. Prentice, Eli B. Sadler, Jon'a W. Stow, Daniel Hunt, John P. Hayden, Henry W. Pierce, Silas A. Forbush, John Brooks, Hendrick Hunt, Frederick Williams, Lawson Munyan, Calvin S. Thurston, Lucas H. Harlow, Thomas D. Wright, Charles Merriam, Warren Stockwell, Bradford Chase, Josiah H. —

Hammond, Elbridge Forbush, Francis Wilson, Edwin Prentice, John Whitney, James Gleason, Jewell A Brown, Seward Brown, Dexter D. Bragg, Rufus W Davenport, Moses C. Woodbury, Augustus Glezen, Thompson Kimball Jr, John Bigelow, Leander Stockwell, Houston Burke, Fearing W. Dexter, Henry Eston, James M Arbuckle, Ralph E. Washburn, Charles Jackson, Charles H. Jackson, George W. Hastings, Wm. L. Stockwell, Charles A. Pierce, Charles Knowlton, Samuel F. Prentice, Anson Hancock, Jos. W. Leland, Silas A Pierce, Joseph Hunt, Noah Kimball, Ezra Churchill, Otis Churchill, Lewis Daniels, Charles D. Monroe, Timothy Abbott, Artemas D. Baker, Andrew J. McIntyre, Nathan Rice, D. N. Stanley, Moses Hook, Charles C. Foster, Abel L. Hawes, Wm. S. Woods, Geo W. Collier, Jona C. Forbush, George Enslow, C. W. Forbush, Jonathan H. Woods, Mendall Mowry, Ephraim C. Smead, Wm. F. Storum, Luther Howe, Charles C. Aldrich, Lovell Baker Jr, Winthrop Faulkner, E. B. Willson, Samuel C. Flagg, James M. Kimball, Abel Maynard, John Davis, Clarton Melinda, Absalom Hastings, Wm. C. Allen, Salmon D. Hall, Truman M. Marble, Wm. McCorney, Luke F. Allen, Rufus Carter, John Waterman, Hiram Fernald, James W. White, Samuel Harrington, Otis Frissell, John Sawyer Jr. Lewis W. Dodge, Warren Tobey, Andrew Dawes, Pell Clayson, Geo. R. Bishop, Samuel Baker, Caleb Woods, John B. White, Lewis E. Newell, Roswell A Smith, Samuel A Dalrymple, Benjamin Aldrich, David White Jr, Albert A. Bolles, Jonathan D. Wheler, Lewis A Witherell, Charles C. Woods, Elisha S. Livermore, Willard S. Wood, Rufus Leverbee, Charles G. Hendy, Noah Fletcher, Henry B. Thomas, Martin Hassett, Charles A Penninian, Ruel F Knowlton, Fisher Bosworth, Ethan R. Thompson, George H. Whalock, Nathan G. Lyman, Isaac Follett, Lander Hubbard, John W. Estabrook, Charles A. S. Temple, Joab Lindsey, Edward B. Bigelow, Abraham M Bigelow, Winthrop Faulkner, Joshua W. Harrington, Jona F. Newell, Salem Gregg, Silas Venton, Jer S. Holmes, Seth Crocker, Elijah L. Case, Nath Munroe, Levi J. Benson, Charles H. Towne, Charles Collis, David W. Carpenter, Grafton May 24th 1847.

Whole Number 638.—

Charles Prentice, Oliver M. Brigham, Samuel Woods, } Assessors of Grafton,

A True Copy.
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

To Charles Prentice, Clerk of the Town of Grafton

This is to certify that the lands and Estates of the following named Non-residents owners and proprietors are considered as belonging to and liable to be taxed in School District No. 1. or the Centre District so called. —

Brown & Newton,	Sutton,
William Brown,	Sutton,
Jonathan Forbush,	Boston,
George H. Nim,	Millbury
Lucy M. Goan,	New York.
Waterman A. Fisher	Worcester
Lewis Mills, Guardian	Boston
Healy Baker,	Sutton
Joshua Longdon,	Sutton
Eli Spragues,	Sutton.

Grafton July 3. 1847

Charles Prentice } Assessors of
Samuel Wood. } Grafton

To Charles Prentice, Clerk of the Town of Grafton, This is to Certify that the lands and Estate of the following named Non-residents owners and proprietors are considered as belonging to and liable to be taxed in School District No 8. or Muriams District so called.

Jonathan Bartlett,	Westborough
Moses Hayden,	Westborough

Grafton October 12th. 1847

Charles Prentice } Assessors
Samuel Wood } of Grafton

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton, on Monday the Eighth day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, being the second Monday of said Month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for Five Senators for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing, —

And also to Choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court, to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. — —

The votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators will all be received on one Ballot, and for Representatives on seperate ballots, —

The Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above Officers at 10. o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

You are also directed to notify the inhabitants aforesaid to meet at the same place at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day to act on the following articles, — —

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting. — —

2d. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of a small section of Town road leading from the house of Harrison Eames to the Drury place so called or act thereon.

3d. To see if the Town will make an appropriation of one hundred dollars More or less to be expended on the crossing between Fishers Village and the Bridge over the Blackstone River and determine the manner said appropriation shall be expended or act upon any matter relative thereto,

4th To See if the Town will authorize the Bridge committee to put up railing on the Public highways in all places where they shall think necessary or act thereon, — — . — —

5th To hear the report of any out Standing Committees and act Thereon. — . —

6th. To accept Town Debts, — . —

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And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting=houses in the centre of said Town, and at the Meeting=houses in New England Village, Farnum's Ville, and Saunders Village, Nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. —

Given under our hands this Seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and forty seven. — — — — — —

Esek Saunders
A. F. Smith
John W. Slocomb
Luther Wright
A. M. Bigelow
} Select=men of Grafton

Worcester, ss, Grafton November 8th. 1847.
I have served this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof, at each of the Public Meeting=houses in the Town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A True copy.
Attest, Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, held at the Town=hall in said Grafton on the eighth day of November being the second Monday of said month A. D. 1847. for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for Five Senators for the District of Worcester, all on one Ballot, also for a Representative to Represent said town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first wednesday of January next, the Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above Officers at ten O' Clock in the forenoon of said day, —

The whole number of Ballots was four hundred fourty three, —

And the whole number of Votes given in for Governor were sorted, counted, recorded, and a declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed, and said votes were for the following persons, viz: —

For Governor. Whole number of ballots was four hundred & twenty three

George N. Briggs had Two hundred Nineteen	Votes,	219
Caleb Cushing had one hundred thirty one	Votes,	131
Samuel E. Sewall had, Sixty nine . — .	Votes,	69
Francis Baylies had Three . . —	Voty,	3
Elihu Burritt, had one .	vote,	1
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For Lieutenant Governor

Whole number of Ballots was Four hundred twenty three

John Reed had. Two hundred eighteen	Votes.	218
Henry W. Cushman had one hundred thirty	voty.	130
John M Brewster had. seventy. —	Voty.	70
Charles W Moore, had Five . —	Voty.	5
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The whole number of Ballots given in for Senators was Four hundred Thirteen. —

Whig Ticket.

Nahum F. Bryant had Two hundred eighteen Votes,
George Denny had Two hundred fifteen Votes,
Alfred D. Foster had Two hundred nineteen Votes,
Shannon Hamilton had Two hundred eighteen Votes,
John Brooks. had Two hundred Sixteen Votes,

Democratic Ticket,

Otis Adams. had. Seventy nine — Votes,
Frances Howe, had one hundred Seventeen Votes,
Ivers Phillips had one hundred eighteen Votes,
Seth Hapgood had one hundred eighteen Voty,
Arnold Fafts had one hundred eighteen, Votes,
Asa H. Waters had Forty one . — . Votes,

Liberty Ticket.

Hon. James G. Carter had Seventy one . — Votes,
Thomas W. Ward had Seventy ——— . votes,
Charles Adams Jr had Seventy . ——— . Votes,
Gilman Jones, had Seventy . ——— , Voty.
Edward B. Bigelow had Seventy one . Votes,

Native American Ticket. —

William Sigourney	had	Five .	Votes,
Elias M. Stillwell	had	Five .	votes,
Samuel Harrington	had	Five .	Votes,
Nathan Waters ,	had	Four .	Votes.
John T. Gleason	had	Five .	Votes,

For a Representative to the General Court. Whole Number of Ballots was Four hundred and ten. Necessary for a Choice Two hundred and Six —— . —— . ——————— .

For Representative.

Joseph Bruce had one hundred sixty four votes,
Abraham M. Bigelow had one hundred thirty votes,
Lewis Holbrook. — had sixty two. — votes,
Oliver M. Brigham. — had twenty eight. — votes,
Holland Greenwood, had Four. — votes,
Jonas B. Brigham. had Three. — votes,
A. F. Smith. — had Three. — votes,
Liberty Wood. — had Three. — votes,
Joseph Leland. — had Three. — votes,
Col. Charles Brigham had one. — vote,
Otis Adams. — had one. — vote.
Silas Forbush had one. — vote.
E. B. Bigelow — had one. — vote.
Esek Saunders — had one vote,
John W. Storomb had one vote,
Jonathan Warren had one vote,
Emery Harrington had one. vote.
William Hamlet — had one vote,
Otis Forissell. — had one vote,

And by vote the Meeting was dissolved
Attest.
Charles Bentley. Town Clerk, —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the eighth day of November A. D. 1847. the following proceedings were had to wit; —

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Joseph Bruce Moderator of said Meeting. ——————————

Art. 2d. Voted to accept the report of the Select Men in the laying out of a small section of Town road as mentioned in this article, which is in the words and figures following. — —

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have laid out for the use of said Town, a town way as follows; — ——————

Beginning at a Stake and Stones on the south west side of the house of Harrison Eames at or near the south-east corner of lands of Jon.a S. Fiske and at the North west corner of lands of said Eames, and running S. 5° E. nine rods

on land of said Eames to Stake and Stones at angle in wall, — Thence South 28° 30' E. Eighteen $\frac{24}{100}$ Rods, thence S. 15° 45' E twenty one rods to angle in wall, thence S. 15° 30' E. eighteen $\frac{24}{100}$ rods on land of said Eames, thence S. 12° 30' E. Twenty six rods on land of Henry R. Keith to Stake and Stones near the Drury house so called. — . — . ——,

To be two rods wide and to lie on the westerly side of said Course. The whole length of line is ninety two $\frac{48}{100}$ rods, Sixty six $\frac{48}{100}$ rods is on land of Harrison Eames for which he releases all damages for laying out said road for which we allow him none. Twenty six rods of said line is on lands of Henry R Keith for which he releases all damages for laying out said road and for which we award him none, which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded, is forever after to be known as a public Town way, ——

Dated at Grafton this nineteenth day of October in the year 1847. —

Eseh Saunders } Select Men
A. F. Smith —
John W. Slocomb —
Luther Wright. } of
P. M. Bigelow — } Grafton, —

Art. 3d. The town voted to raise the Sum of one hundred dollars to be expended on the crossing between Fishers Village and the Bridge over the Blackstone river as mentioned in this article, and Choose a Committee of three to determine how said appropriation shall be expended. ——

By Vote Chose Eseh Saunders } Committee,
Austin Holbrook
Erastus Fisher —

Art. 4th The town voted the Selectmen be authorized to put up railings on the Highways as Mentioned in this article. . —. . ——

Art. 5th. Voted to Accept the Bridge Committees report which is in the following words and figures.

The undersigned a Committee Chosen by the Town of Grafton at their annual Meting held in the Month of March A. D. 1847. for the purpose of causing to be kept in repair all their Bridges whose Sluices are more than eight fe width, and also were authorized by a vote

passed at an adjournment of said Meeting to cause to be filled up the Blackstone Canal at the Crossing of the road leading from Farnumsville to Northbridge, would ask leave to submit to the town the following — Report. That they contracted with Mr. Jefferson Bellows for filling up said Canal level with the road at the Crossing the Traveled way, to be twenty six feet in width with a sufficient wall on the lower side for the sum of — — — — — — — — — — $78.00
For expenses of Gravel — — — — — — — 8.00
For " for Railing — — — — — — — — 7.00
Making a Total of — — — — — — — — $93.00

On examining the several Bridges, Two of the larger ones were found to be very much out of repair and required considerable expense to make them safe and convenient for the traveller to pass them, besides less repairs were necessary to be made on several of the other bridges, —

The large Bridge in Farnumsville was found to be very narrow — required to be widened about five feet to correspond with the Bridges now ordered to be built by the County Commissioners — the covering worn out, all the timbers of the western half of the Bridge from the centre pier had become weak, having been built for more than twenty nine years — the Abutment on the western side has been widened, an entire new Bridge has been built on the western side of the centre pier, the eastern half of the Bridge has been widened with the addition of one Stringer the entire bridge has been newly planked and Railed. —

The Bridge crossing the Stream near the House of Col. J. W. Leland was found to be in rather a weak condition, the covering was very much decayed the timbers were rather slender and not so confined to each other as to give them one general bearing, Two new Stringers have been added to the former number all resting on a cross timber in the centre firmly bolted to three of the Stringers, and a new covering of three inch plank thoroughly Spiked down which all together Strengthens the bridge, Materially. —

Cost of Plank for Bridge in Farnumsville	$49.50
Freight from Boston on Rail road	8.00
Drawing plank from Depot	6.25
Stringers for said Bridge.	36.00
Boards for railing said Bridge	7.50
4lbs Spikes used on said bridge	3.75
	$111.00

Jefferson Bellows Bill for labour and team.	78.64
Philip Wings Bill for labour	16.50
Total expense of Bridge in Farnumsville	$206.14

Cost of plank for Bridge near Col. Delands	34.50
Freight from Boston on Railroads	5.79
Drawing plank from Depot	5.25
2 new Stringers for said Bridge	8.00
Spikes and nails used for said Bridge	2.85
Boards used on railing of said bridge	1.13
Philip Wings bill for labour on said bridge	10.50
Luke Leland bill for do.	8.50
Cross Bliss bill for do.	5.25
Total expense of bridge near Col. Delands	$81.77
Sundry expenses on Bridges not included in the above report,	19.36
Total expenses of Bridges	$307.28

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By Selectmens order on Town Treasurer	100.00
By Cash received for old Plank & Chips	5.50
Leaving a balance against the Town	$201.78
To which may be added the expense of filling up the Blackstone canal	93.00
Total balance against the Town	$294.78

All of which is Respectfully submitted
Grafton November 8th. 1847.

Luke Leland
Philip Wing
Jefferson Bellows
} Committee

Art. 6th. No amounts being presented for acceptance
By vote the Meeting was dissolved.

Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to Met at the Town-hall in

said Grafton, on Monday the sixth day of December next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, to wit: — — — —

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meting, —
" 2d. To see if the town will accept the report of the Select men on the laying out of a town road, commencing on the west side of the road — leading from the house of Royal A. Keith to the house of Harrison Carrigs, and running westerly to intersect with the County road near the Meting-house in Farnumsville. or act thereon,
3d To hear the report of any out Standing Committee and act thereon. — / —
4th. To accept Town Debts, — . — . — . —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the Centre of said town, and at the Meting-house in New England Village, Farnumsville, and Saunders Village, to Stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meting, . —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meting as aforesaid, —

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven,

Esek Saunders } Select men
A. F. Smith — } of
John W. Slocomb — } Grafton,
Luther Wright } Grafton,
A. M. Bigelow } Grafton,

Worcester, ss. November 29th. 1847. —
I have served this warrant by Posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant, — —

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A True Copy.
Attest,
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the sixth day of December A.D. 1847. the following proceedings were had, To wit! —

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Oliver M. Brigham Moderator, —

Art. 2d. The Town voted to accept the report of the Selectmen in the laying out a town road, which is in the words and figures following, —

"We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have laid out for the use of said town, a town way as follows, Beginning at a Stake and Stones on the west side of the road leading from Royal A. Keith's to Harrison Eames, at land of Royal A. Keith, then through land of R. A. Keith S. 58° W. 3 rods, thence same course 8 60/100 rods on land of Harrison Eames, thence same course 4 40/100 rods to a Stake on the north side of a cart path, thence S. 42° 30' W. 77 rods to a Stake in the Southend of a field near the woods, thence S 33° W. 10 rods through corner of woods to a Stake in pasture, thence S. 20° W 8. rods to a Stake in pasture, — thence S 42° W 12 rods to a Stake in pasture, thence S 50° W. 4 rods to a Stake in pasture near a brook, thence S 63° W 44 rods to a Stake near a ledge in the woods, thence West 18 rods on land of R. A. Keith, thence West 17 rods. S 83° W. 13 rods to a Stake on the north side of a cart path on land of Samuel Sherman, thence S. 83° W. 5 52/100 rods through land of Sarah Bassett, thence S. 83° W. 13 40/100 rods to a Stake on north side of cart path, thence S. 75° W. 13 rods to a Stake on south side of cart path, thence S. 65° W. 24 rods to a Stake in rye field, thence S. 65° 30' W. 20 44/100 rods through land of Doct Levi Rawson, thence S. 65° 30' W. 4 rods through land of Adolphus Fowler thence S. 65° 30' W. 21 46/100 rods through land of John Farnum to the County road, To be two rods wide and to lie on the South side of said Course, and we agreed with the Owners of the land which said way passes for damages as follows, The said Royal A. Keith releases all damages for laying said way through his land, and we award him none, and the said Harrison Eames releases all damages for laying said way through his lands, and we award him none, And the said Samuel Sherman releases all damages for laying said way through his land, and we award him none, And the said Doct. Levi Rawson releases all damages for laying said way through his land, and we award him none, and the said John Farnum releases all damages for laying said way through his lands, and we award him none, and the said Sarah Bassett we award the sum of thirteen dollars for damages for laying said way through

her lands, and the said Adolphus Fowler we award the sum of fifteen dollars & 72/100. for damages for laying said way through his lands, To be paid by said Town before the said road is opened, which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way,

Grafton Nov. 24th. 1847.

Esek Saunders
John W. Slocomb
Luther Wright
A. M. Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton,—

A. True Copy.
Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk.—

Art. 3d. no Committee report offered.—

Art. 4th. Voted to accept the following Town Debts.—

Joshua Spears amounts	.	$5.00
Samuel Woods do	.	54.25
Oliver M. Brigham's do.	.	15.00

And By Vote the Meeting was dissolved,
Attest,
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,—.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester.

Greeting, —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton, on Monday the sixth day of March next at 9 o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles; to wit: —

1st. To choose a Moderator for said meting, — — —

2d. To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer, — —

3d. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing, —

4th. To hear the annual report of the Select-men and act thereon,

5th. To determine the Manner of repairing the highways townways, and bridges within said town the year ensuing and fix the compensation for labor employed thereon, — — — —

6th. To raise such sums of Money as may be necessary to defray town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, — — —

7th To see what discount the town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the town shall direct, and determine when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury and fix the compensation of the Collector, — — —

8th. To see what compensation the town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead, — — — —

9th. To hear the report of the General School Committee and act thereon, — — — — —

10th. To hear the report of the overseers of the poor and act thereon, — — — — — — —

11th To hear the report of the Trustees of the "Pine Grove Cemitery" and act thereon, — — — — —

12th To see if the town will authorize the several prudential Committee men to engage the School teachers

in their respective Districts or act thereon. — — — —

13th To see if the town will cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12 M. and 9 P.M. — — — — —

14th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money, — — — — — — — — — —

15th To see if the town will cause the Records of the Proprietors of the Ancient Settlement called Hassanamisco together with any or all of the records of the town of Grafton, to be copied, and either the original or the copy to be deposited in some suitable place for safe keeping, as petitioned for by Rev. E. B. Wilson and others, or act thereon, — — — — — —

16th To see if the town will cause to be built on their Poor farm a house to be used for the better convenience of an almshouse, and provide water to be better accomodated at the house and barn; or otherwise sell their poor farm, and purchase an other farm to be used for the same purpose, or act upon any thing relative thereto, as petitioned for by Luke Leland and others, — —

17th To see if the town will discontinue so much of the old town way as they shall think proper, commencing near the house of Ebenezer Lincoln and terminating at the road leading from the house of Benj. N. Fay to Westboro' as petitioned for by Luke Leland and others or act thereon, —

18th To see if the Town will choose a Committee to contract and superintend the making of the new road laid out by the Selectmen and accepted by the town Dec. 6. 1847. — — — —

19th To hear the report of any out standing committees and act thereon, — — — — — —

20th To accept town debts, — — — — — —

and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the centre of said town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village, Farnums Ville, and Saunders-Village, to stand over two sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting, — — — — —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as afore said. — — — — — — —

Given under our hands this twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty eight. — — — —

Esek Saunders
A. H. Smith
John W. Slocomb
Luther Wright
A. M. Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton. —

A True Copy
Attest,
Charles Prentice T. Clerk.

Worcester, ss, March 6. 1848.
I have served this Warrant by Posting up an attested Copy Thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant,

Charles Prentice Constable, of Grafton,

A True Copy
attest, Charles Prentice Town Clerk. — — —

At the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the sixth day of March A. D. 1848. the following proceedings were had; to wit: — — — — — —

Voted to choose a board of overseers of the Poor. — —
Voted they be all voted for on one Ballot. — —

Art. 3d By Ballot chose Oliver N. Brigham, Lewis Holbrook, Charles Goddard } overseers of the Poor,

By Ballot chose Jonathan Warren Town Treasurer. who come forward and was Sworn March 17th. 1848.
By Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

Voted to have three assessors the ensuing year. —

By Ballot. Chose Samuel Wood, Charles Prentice, William Rice } Assessors. — — — Sworn March 17. 1848 by Charles Prentice J. Clk
Sworn by Jon. Brum Jus. Sworn March 17. 1848 by Saml. Wood Just of Peace
declines and is excused,

Voted to have five for a General School Committee, the ensuing year. — — — —

By Ballot. chose Revd Thomas C. Biscoe, " Edmund B. Willson, " Benjn. A. Edwards, " William C. Richards, " George F. Day. — } General School Committee

Voted to choose three Constables for the ensuing year,

By Ballot chose Charles Prentice — } Sworn,
" " " Barnabas Newton } Sworn March 7. 1848
" " " Nathaniel G. Whitney } Sworn Apl. 3. 1848.
Voted to add three more. — } Constables.
" " " Samuel A. Dalrymple
" " " Jefferson Bellows — } Declines to serve,
" " " Augustus Slocomb, } Sworn March 15. 1848 by Charles Prentice J. Clerk.

Voted to take up the sixteenth article and act thereon

Art. 16th Voted a Committee of three be chosen to take the whole subject of this article into consideration and make report at a subsequent meeting — — —
Voted to Choose said Committee by Nomination,
By vote chose Luke Leland, " " " Benjamin W. Fay, " " " Philip Wing — } Committee.
Voted to add two more to the Committee
" " " Charles Goddard, " " " Lewis Holbrook } "

Motion by Samuel H. Allen Esqr, [illegible]

It is moved that the committee chosen to take into consideration and report on the propriety of rebuilding the poor house &c. or selling the poor farm and buying an other be be instructed to enquire and assertain as well as they can, for how much they can sell said farm, and also ascertain whether they can buy another and for what sum. and report the same at an adjourned meeting of the town. — . . . . . .

The town voted to accept this motion. — . — . — . — . — .

voted to take up the eighteenth article and act thereon.

Art. 18th. Voted a committee of three be chosen to carry this article into effect. —

By vote chose Otis Adams, Levi Rawson, Esek Saunders } Committee.

voted to take up the Twelfth article and act thereon.

Art. 12th. Voted the several School Committee men be authorized to hire their teachers the ensuing year. in their respective Districts. —

voted to take up the seventeenth article and act thereon.

Art. 17th. voted to discontinue said road as mentioned in this article commencing near the house of Ebenezer Lincoln to Westborough road agreeable to the Petition.

voted to take up the third article and act thereon,

Art. 3d. voted to have thirteen highway Surveyors and collectors of Taxes Highway

By vote chose.	Rufus C. Warren	Excused.
	George Dunn.	Sworn May 1. 1848. —
	Kendrick Hunt	Sworn March 15. 1848.
	Joseph B. Adams	Sworn March 14. 1848.
	Elbridge Forbush	Sworn March 15. 1848.
	Chandler M. Pratt	
Sworn apl 18. 1848	Joseph Kimball	Highway Surveyors & Collectors of Taxes
	Joshua N. Leland	Sworn apl. 3. 1848 —
	Charles Brigham	Sworn March 20. 1848.
	Elijah B. Knowlton	Sworn March 13. 1848.
	Jefferson Bellows	Sworn March 10. 1848.
	Leonard B. Hill	Sworn March 13. 1848.
	Eli B. Sadler.	Excused. —

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Voted to have ten firewards the ensuing year. —

Art 3. By vote Chose Edward B. Bigelow.
Jefferson Bellows. — accepts March 15. 1848.
Barnabas Newton, accepts March 7. 1848.
Rufus W Davenport,
accepts March 1. 1848. Ezek Saunders. — Firewards.
Asa F. Smith, — accepts March 6. 1848.-
Chandler M. Pratt,
John H. Meriam,
Leander S. Pratt. —
Elijah Stowe. — accepts March 15. 1848.

Voted to have five field drivers the ensuing year.

By vote Chose Rufus W. Davenport
Daniel R. White — Sworn July 12. 1848.
Sworn April 29. 1848 — Sumner E. Stow — Field drivers.
Seth J. Axtell. — Sworn June 24. 1848.
Charles D. Monroe

Voted to have five fence viewer the ensuing year.

By vote Chose Nathan Hancock
Jesse Farnum.
Sworn Mar. 15. 1848. Augustus Slocomb. — Fence viewers.
Martin Fassett — Sworn March 17. 1848.-
Joseph Kimball — Sworn April 18. 1848

Voted the Selectmen appoint the Measurers of Wood & Bark,
Voted to have four Surveyors of Lumber the ensuing year.

By vote chose. — Levi N. Leland
" " Orvis L. Bliss. — Sworn March 13. 1848.-
" " John M. Davenport — Sworn March 17. 1848.-
" " Noah Fletcher — Surveyors of Lumber.
Voted to add one more
" " Samuel A. Knox. — Sworn April 3. 1848.-

By vote Chose Nathan Hancock. Sealer of weights and Measures, Sworn April 3. 1848. By L. Pinkham Town Clerk,

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to audit accounts,

By vote chose Edward B. Bigelow
" " " Samuel Harrington, — Auditing Committee
" " " William F. Slocum.

Voted to have three Sealers of Leather the ensuing year.

By vote chose Rufus E. Warren.
John Whitney. —
Jonathan R. Putnam. — Sealers of Leather.

Voted to take up the fourth article and act thereon. — —

Art. 4th. voted to accept the Report of Select-men which is in the words and figures following. — — — — — — — —

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, — — — — — —

The Select-men of the town of Grafton in the completion of their official duties for the year submit a brief Statement of the condition of the town, and ask leave to report as follows. — — — — — — —

They have settled with Jonathan Warren Esq. Treasurer of said Town and his account stands as follows.

1847. Dr.

March 1.	To amount in the hands of the Collectors not received by the Treasurer. — — — —	$ 804.99
1848. March 2	To Cash received on C. Singletary Note. —	60.00
"	" Borrowed of R. F. Chase	1200.00
"	" " " Widow Abigail Russell	1000.00
"	" received for Int. on State School fund	152.58
"	" " for Support of State Paupers,	17.24
"	" Borrowed of William Rice	2000.00
"	Amount of Town Taxes for 1847.	5463.52
	Total amount Carried forward — — —	$ 10698.33

1847. Cr.

Mar. 1.	By amount advanced by Jonathan Warren Treas. — — —	$ 528.94
1848. Mar. 2.	" Cash P. City of Boston for Support of Rufus A. Johnson.	151.55
	" paying Interest on note to Provident Inst. for savings at Boston.	60.00
	" paying Assessors order in favour of Heirs of Aaron Kimball.	5.40
	" " Charles A. Harrington	2.28
	" " Sylvester Hescock.	1.25
	" " C. D. Bigelow collector	102.85
	" " Abial W. Paine	1.25
	" " Linus C. Newell	1.25
	" " Orders drawn by the Select men for Support of Common Schools. — —	1734.01
	" " Agent Poor farm for bal due him for services to April 1. 1847	105.16
	" " to the Overseers of the Poor.	582.50
	" " to the General School Committee	62.00
	" " " Assessors for services &c. —	121.09
	" " " C. M. Pratt for making Taxes 1846	26.25
	" " Damages to owners of land for locating roads.	345.25
	" " for building new roads.	566.38
	" " Sextons bill Burying the Dead	105.00
	Amount Carried forwards — — —	4562.41

Dr. Total amount brot forward . . .		$10698.33
1848. March 2. — Cr. — — — — —		
By amount brot. forward. —	$4562.41	
" Paying for Burying ground in new England Village called Pine Grove Cemetery" —	152.00	
" " Brides Railing &c as follows. — — —		
" " to Thomas J. Wheelock per order Bridge Com for building Bridge near the house of the late Samuel Leland. — — —	170.00	
" " Jefferson Billows for raising Causway and railing the same. . .	157.93	
" " Bridge Committee	394.78	
" " George Dunn per order Committee for repairing road from Brue hollow &c.	38.62	
" " Highway Surveyors for repairs on Roads &c. — — — —	243.03	
" " Paying Sundry other Bills . . .	149.48	
" " Amount in Treasurer and Collectors hands Carried to New a/c. . .	4830.08	
	$10698.33	

Resources of the Town.

1848. Mar. 2. To bal in Treasurer and Collectors hands Brot to new amount — — — —	4830.08	
" School fund Interest to be applied for Schooling — — — —	1000.00	
2. Farm and Buildings thereon Cost	3000.00	
Stock, Hay, Grain, Farming Tools, Provisions, Household furniture &c. — — —	889.15	
Valued by overseers of the Poor Mar 2/48.	$9719.23	

Liabilities of the Town

A Note due the Provident Inst. for savings at Boston. — — — —	$1000.00	
" " " Widow Abigail Russell.	1000.00	
" " " R. T. Chase. — — —	1200.00	
" " " William Rice. .	2000.00	
	$5200.00	5200.00
Total Amount		$4519.23

Leaving a bal in favor of the town

Which is respectfully submitted,

Grafton March 6th. 1848. —

Ezek Saunders
A. F. Smith
J. W. Slocomb
Luther Wright
A. M. Bigelow

Selectmen of Grafton,

Voted to take up the tenth article and act thereon.

Art. 10th. Voted to accept the Report of the oversers of the Poor. which is in the words and figures following, viz.

The oversers of the Poor of the town of Grafton would present the following Report to the Town.

Expense of supporting Paupers on the farm the past year.

Interest on the Establishments at 5 pct.	150.00
Agents Salary,	225.00
Extra Labour Nursing &c.	68.50
Contingent expences for supporting paupers and carrying on farm.	420.00
Due Delano Pierce for medical attendance and Medicine.	34.62
Total	898.12
Products of the farm sold and balance of produce &c. on hand above last year.	323.41
Due from State Treasury for support State paupers	43.35
Leaving a balance for supporting paupers on the farm past year.	366.76
	531.36

Whole number Supported on the Farm during past year. 17

Number of weeks board. 461

Average cost pr week including Interest on Poor establishment Board, clothing Physicians Bill &c. $1.15

Cost of Supporting Paupers off of the Farm during past year.

Whole number Supported or relieved 7.

For support of Sally Phillips	44.78
Clark Brown	44.37
Lucian Stone	78.00
Henry B. Hayden	45.56
Deborah Warren	19.50
Charles M. & Dolla F. Sherman	58.50
Joel Prentice	6.00
Received of the Town of Townsend for support of Joel Prentice.	296.71
	4.00
Balance for supporting Paupers off Farm.	292.71
Total expence of supporting Paupers past year above Receipts.	824.07

Expence for support of Lunatics at State Lunatic Hospital.

Paid City of Boston for support of Rufus A. Johnson previous to Nov. 30th. 1846.	151.55
Paid do for his support from Nov 30. 46- To May 31. 1847.	71.00

Paid balance State Hospital for support of Mary B. Pond previous to August 1846. — . — .	32.28
Due City of Boston for support of R. A. Johnson from June 1st. to Nov. 30th. 1847. — . — .	65.14
Due State Lunatic Hospital for support of Susan S. Wheelock 15 5/7 weeks repairing shoes &c. — .	40.35
Expence of getting Margaret Gulliken Committed to the State Lunatic Hospital. — . — . — .	1.00
Due Messrs Barton, Bacon & Barton for Council in relation to R. A. Johnson. — . — . — . — .	5.00
Total expence for Lunatics . — . .	366.32

The Board would remark.

that although the cost for the support of paupers on the farm the past year is considerable less pr week than that of last year, it is still higher than that of most previous years, and higher than may be reasonably anticipated for the coming year. —

The present condition of the farm is such as to inspire us with hope the products of the farm will be considerably increased the present year, there is more rye sown, more land prepared for tillage, more manure &c.

Provisions the past year have been unusually high, and there not being a supply on the farm, large sums have been paid out for the purchase of these necessary articles, Furthermore the inmates are most of them aged and so infirm as to be unable to perform any kind of labour not even to wait upon themselves. —

There has been some unusual sickness among the Paupers, consequently they have required much of the time and attention of the agent. — and considerable nursing, medical attendance medicine &c. — One of the inmates Ephraim Brooks who has been long and severely afflicted died in August last. — .

When all the facts and circumstances connected with the Poor establishment and the operations of the past year, the condition of the Paupers &c. — are duly considered we think that one dollar and fifteen cents pr week for boarding, clothing medical aid and nursing these afflicted persons will not appear extravagantly high. —

All of which is Respectfully Submitted. — .

Grafton March 4. 1848.

Oliver M. Brigham }
Lewis Holbrook } Overseers
Austin Holbrook } of the Poor
of Grafton,

Voted to take up the fifth article and act thereon. —
Art. 5th Voted to adopt the same method of repairing the roads the Town adopted last year, and all bridges and sluices of eight feet and under to be repaired as usually done, and all bridges and sluices of eight feet and over are to be repaired by said Highway Surveyors of the several Districts, and the expenses thereof to be paid for out of the Treasury of the town. —

Voted to take up the ninth article and act thereon,
Art. 9th. Voted to accept the Report of the General School Committee.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of April next at one o'clock P.M. —
Attest.
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk. —.

Measurers of wood and bark appointed by the Selectmen for the ensuing year March 13th. 1848. — . — .

Augustus Storrow	Sworn March 23. 1848. —
Samuel F. Redding	
Winthrop Faulkner	
Abraham M. Bigelow	
Lawson Murryan	
Thomas A. Bullum	
William H. Nolen	
Gilbert C. Taft	Measurers of wood & Bark.
Isaac H. Southwick	
Benj.a Kingsbury	Sworn Ap. 21. 1848. —
Robert G. Taft	
Samuel A. Knox.	Sworn April 3. 1848.
Lucius M. Smith	Sworn April 11. 1848.
Ezra K. Pratt.	
Jasper W. Putnam	

Samuel F. Stone. Sound keeper. Sworn April 22. 1848.

Also appointed by the Selectmen.
Samuel A. Knox. Sexton. for the "Pine Grove Cemetery" New England Village.

April 3. 1848. The Town having met at 1. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to adjournment from the sixth day of March last, the following further proceedings were had to wit:—

After reading the proceedings of the last meeting,— ~~Voted to take up the third article and act thereon,~~

Art. 3d. By Ballot chose Oliver M. Brigham Moderator Protempore, voted to take up the third Article and act thereon.—

Art. 3d. By Ballot chose Abraham M. Bigelow, Highway Surveyor and Collector of highway Taxes in Stead of Rufus C. Warren who declines serving, who at the time was sworn April 3. 1848.

Art. 6th. Voted to grant the Sum of Eight Thousand five hundred dollars to defray town Charges the ensuing year.

Voted to appropriate twelve hundred dollars for the repair of highways and Sluices the ensuing year. To be assessed in a labor tax,

Voted to appropriate the Interest of the State School fund, and interest of school note, for schooling, And also appropriate of the town grant so much as will make the Sum of two thousand dollars for schooling the ensuing year, one third for Summer and two thirds for winter schools,—

Voted to appropriate so much of the town grant as will pay the interest on all the town debts and one thousand dollars of the principal.—

Voted the remainder of the town grant be appropriated to defray town Charges the ensuing year.

Art. 7th. Motion Made in writing by mr Luke Leland That those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within sixty days from the time the assessors shall commit the tax Bill to the Collector for collection,— such persons shall be entitled to a discount of ten percent on their taxes, and the Collector shall pay over to the Treasurer once in thirty days all the money that he has collected, and shall Compplete his collection and pay over the full amount that he is required to collect to the Treasurer on or before the first day of January next,—

and he shall be entitled to ½ of a cent on the dollar on all the taxes he collects. to be paid when he completes his collection. ——

No abatement on any taxes to be made to the collector after the first of January next, unless he shall previous to that time notify the assessors that it is not in his power to collect such tax, such notice to be given in writing, —

Voted to accept this motion, — . — . — .

Voted to adjourn this Meeting for 15 minutes,
On adjournment proceeded as follows. —

Voted to take up the sixteenth article and act thereon
Art. 16. The Committee chosen at the last meeting to take the whole subject of this article into consideration made their report which is in the words and figures following. ——

The subscribers a Committee chosen by the Town of at their annual Meeting held March 6th. A. D. 1848. for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject contained in the 16th. Article in the warrant for calling said meeting relative to the building of an Almshouse and the providing of water for the better accomodation at the house and barn on their pauper farm, and also to assertain for what sum they can sell said farm for, and whether an other farm can be bought, and for what sum, it can be purchased for, to be used for the same purpose; have attended to that service and ask leave to submit to the town the following. — — — —

Report.

That they have examined the house on said farm, and find it very ancient in its appearance and probably has stood more years than the oldest of our inhabitants, have lived, out of repair, inconvenient, not sufficient in size, and unsuitable for the use that it is put to, and further repairs would be money expended without realising but little if any benefit, They have also examined for water and have not found within a reasonable distance any quantity that could be conveyed in pipes sufficient for the accomodation of either the house or Barn. ——

The well at the house frequently fails to furnish the family with the necessary supply of water for several months at a time, during the dry season of the year, and very seldom if the season be ever so wet that it will furnish the necessary quantity the year round, and to think of deepening the well, would be rather discouraging for it is said that it has already been lowered several feet by blasting into the solid rock, The other well probably 15 rods or more North of the

House has a Sufficient Supply of water excepting in an unusual time of drought; it is said to be about 17 feet deep and your committee do not know of any serious objections to its being lowered quite a number of feet more; or that an other well might be dug with sufficient debth to contain lasting water at almost any spot after going six or seven rods north of the house until you come to the well last spoken of and we know of no other source to obtain water at the barn, only from the well at the house when it will furnish a supply. ——

Your Committee have also examined the wood lot on said farm and estimate it to consist of about twenty five acres, about four acres of it is covered with a handsome growth of wood — if cut off now would yield from 25 to 30 cords per acre, several acres more would produce 15 cords per acre and the greater part of the remainder is covered with a young and thrifty growth coming up by Sprouts and otherwise; in the estimation of the Committee there is Standing on the lot including large and Small about 300 cords of wood. —— .

The greatest Sum that has been offered for said farm is two thousand dollars. —— . ——

Your Committee further report that they have viewed the several following farms, viz: The Joseph Prentice farm now owned by Mark H. Adams consisting of the homestead a pasture and a wood lot in all from 80 to 85 acres the house on said farm has been built upwards of thirty years is not sufficient for an Alms house without considerable addition the barn was built about the same time of the house; the land on the west side of the road where the buildings Stand all the way for considerable distance back is very good, as you then go farther west you fall into lower ground that is cold rather wet and rocky and not considered very valuable, the land on the east side of the road is rather broken in the soil, for the most part rather light with a Small patch of a young growth of wood. ——

The pasture Spoken of contains about 12 acres is situated east of the farm of Jonathan S. Fisk and comes down to the road South of the house of Joseph Knox it is a valuable pasture and well Supplied with lasting water the wood lot on George hill of about 13 acres, about 5 or 6 acres of it is covered with a fair growth of wood probably about 25 cords to the acre, the remainder has been more recently cut off from year to year to Supply the house with fuel, Price of Said farm $2600 —— . —— . ——

The next farm the Committee examined was the Jeremiah Flagg place so called now owned by Mr Eli B. Sadler, consisting of about 65 acres, the house on said farm is Small and rather old not considered very valuable, the frame of the barn is decent but the covering is rather poor, the Soil of the farm is for the most part naturally good with some exceptions and is capable of improvement,

there is several acres of meadow land belonging to the farm worth but little for anything else but cranberries unless peat should be an object the wood on said farm with prudence might support a fire for a small family but would do but little for the support of Pauper establishment, — Price of said farm $1900.00 — . — . —

The Committee have also examined the farm owned by Capt. Pardon Aldrich known as the Charles Aldrich place consisting of about 65 acres of which there is about 7 acres of wood yielding upon an average about 20 cords per acre, the farm is well proportioned into mowing tilage and pasture land, the soil is generally good and capable of improvments, there is to be included in addition to the above 10 acres of wood land known as part of the Muamee lot it will probably average 18 or 20 cords per acre, the house as it now is would not be very convinient for an almshouse, considerable addition would be necessary to make it suitable for the use that it would be designed for, the barn is a very suitable one, there is water at both the house and barn, brought by Hydraulic conveyance from a never failing fountain, Price for farm and wood lot, $.4000.00 — . — . — .

Your Committee have also viewed the farm of Mr. Moore Harnum, consisting of about 100 acres, all the land on the east side of the road together with a considerable proportion of the upland on the other side of the road and east of the River is of a good soil, well adapted to mowing and pasturing, and a considerable part of it is suitable for grain, the low land or Interval bordering on the River for the most part yields a good burden which makes a good quality of stock hay, there is from 20 to 30 acres of this part of it has a tolerable good soil and some part of the remainder is rather dry and light however the whole of the plain is very easy to cultivate and in ordinary seasons produces a fair crop of grain, and when seeded down makes decent pasturing, there is estimated to be 90 or 100 cords of wood of a good quality mostly white oak now fit to be cut off, there is 4 or 5 acres of young pine, birches and other kinds of young trees coming up but it will be quite a number of years before they will amount to much for fuel — The most part of the house on the farm has been built many years it is low studded according to the fashion of the times in which it was built it has a good covering on the out side and well finished within it has a kitchen and three other large rooms a bed room and a pantry or cheese room on the lower floor, three large Chambers, two bed Chambers with suitable Closets and the like, a large garret, and rather a small Cellar, the above house would answer the purpose for the present for the reception of the Poor with less expense in altering than any other house that the Committee have examined, the large barn 80 feet by about 30 is in good condition with a large Cellar under the whole of the building, there is also a small barn, Corn barn and other out building used for Carriage and a wood house, —

water is brought to the house and barn by an aqueduct from a Spring that is said never to be dry, Price $1000.00 ——.——.——.—

Your Committee would further State that two of their number have examined the Alms house in Uxbridge which has recently been built and opened for the reception of their Paupers in April last the size and fashion of the house is to be seen in a Plan here exhibited it Stands on the site that their former one did, which was unfortunately burnt and three of its occupants perished in the flames; Cost of the building above the underpinning $1800.00 Expense in altering the Cellar and other fixtures between one and two hundred dollars More, —— Two of said Committee have also visited the Poor houses in Hopkinton and Westboro, a plan of the former with some trifling alterations is here for examination, it was built for the purpose that it is now used for, its cost has not been ascertained, the house in Westboro was formerly a farm house with some additions that have recently been made, the Committee have a preference to the one in Hopkinton with some alterations rather than any one they have seen, ——.——.——.—

Your Committee would remark that they regret that they are not able to report a larger sum than two thousand dollars, Offered for the Town farm, but as there was no one authorized by the town to set any price upon the farm, and the competitors were very few it would hardly be expected there would be any very liberal offers made; if no one will give any more for the farm than what has been offered, and those that have offered to sell their farms to the town will not take less, than they have proposed it is the opinion of a majority of the Committee, that the town had better not sell their farm but rather build a suitable house for the express purpose, All of which is respectfully Submitted,
Grafton April 3d. 1848.

Luke Leland
Benja. W. Gay
Philip Wing
Chas. Goddard
Lewis Holbrook
} Committee,

Voted to accept this Report.—

Put to vote whether the town will build a House on their poor farm or not, and it passed in the negative not to build, —— .——.——.—

Voted to accept the motion Made by Otis Adams Esqr. to authorise the Committee who have just Made their Report on the Poor farm, to purchase=

an other farm for the town for the same purpose, and sell their present farm at private sale or public auction all within one year, — . —

Voted the Committee give and take good and lawful Deeds of of the same. — . —

Art. 3d Voted to put up the Collection of Taxes to the lowest bidder and it was bid off by Winthrop Faulkner at one quarter of a cent or two and half mills on the dollar, — . — . — .

By Ballot Chose Winthrop Faulkner, Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, Sworn, April 17. 1848 Before Charles Prentiss J. Clerk, —

Voted to take up the Eleventh article

Art. 11th Voted to accept the report of the Committee on the Pine Grove Cemetery, which is in the words and figures following. — . — . — . — .

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton,

The Trustees appointed by the town to obtain Deeds of land for a new Burying ground and to superintend and take Charge of the same and report annually to the town, — .

ask leave to present the following as their

Report.

Deeds of land were obtained and recorded from Eben.r Leland- John Dolliver- Sam.l W. Putnam and Eben.r Huckins, The same was laid out in lots and Roads as was thought would be convenient for the purpose for which it was purchased, and is known as the "Pine Grove Cemetery" a plan of which is herewith presented to the town, Improvements have been made by Clearing brush building wall fences &c. —

The choice of lots have at different times been offered at Public auction, Sales have been made and lots taken to the number of Thirty four,

Twenty two persons have been Buried in the Cemetery the past year, We would recommend that a Hearse house be built and hearse furnished for the use of that part of the town, — . — .

The Receipts are as follows, —

Cash Rec.d from the Town. — .	$ 539. 12
" Choice of lots. — . . — .	49. 50
" Wood and Timber . . — .	10. 25
" Loam . . — . . — .	10. 87
Amount due for lots taken up	142. 50
	$ 752. 24

Total amount. — . — .

Expenditures. —

Paid for Land,		$387.12
" " Making & Recording Deeds,		7.04
" " Books & Stationary —		4.25
" " Services of Liberty & Wood Selg Lots,		3.00
" " Sundry bills for Lumber Labour Walls Fences, Improvements &c. —		345.47
		$746.88

Balance in favour of "Pine Grove Cemetery" $4.36
All of which is Respectfully Submitted,
Grafton March 2. 1848.
A. F. Smith, Chairman
of Trustees, —.

Art. 13th. Voted the Selectmen cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12 M, and 9 P.M. the ensuing year. —

Art. 14th. Voted the Treasurer be authorized to borrow one thousand dollars to pay their note at Boston if called for, — . — . —.

Art. 15th Voted to choose a Committee of three to examine into this article, and report at a future Meeting,
By vote Chose Rev. Edmund B. Willson
Rev. Elijah Demond
Rev. Rodney G. Dennis
} Committee,

Art. 19th. Voted to accept the Selectmen's Report on Guide Posts and Guideboards, which is in the words and figures following — . — , — , —— , — ,

The undersigned Selectmen ask leave to present their report of all the places in which guide posts are erected, and such other places within their opinion they ought to be erected and maintained within the town of Grafton as follows; viz: —

At the corner of the road near the House of Calvin W. Forbush, at the corner near the house of Jona D. Wheeler, at the corner near the house of Samuel H. Allen, at the corner near the hous of Robert Prentice, at the corner of the Sutton and Uxbridge roads a little south of the last Mentioned place, — at the corner near the house of Joseph Brown, at the corner near the house of William Fisk, at the Corner between the last Mentioned place and the house of John Dunn — at the corner a little north of the house of Henry D. Howard, at the corner near the — Indian Burial Grounds, at the corner near the

Meeting house in Farnum's ville, at the corner near the house of David Farnum, at the corner near the house of the widow Gleason, at the corner of the roads in Saunders Ville, at each of the corners between Fishersville and the house of Austin Holbrook at the corner near the house of Otis Converse, at the corner near the house of Leander S. Pratt, at each of the corners between the Burying ground and the house of Samuel Dispeau, at the corner of the Providence and Westboro' roads west of the last mentioned place, at the corner near the house of Mr. Bassett, at the corner near the Meeting house in New England Village, at each of the corners near the house of Jasper W. Putnam, at each of the corners northerly of Farrant Merriam, at the corner near the house of Charles H. Hay, at the corner near the house of Nathan S. Wheelock, at the corner near the house of the late Elijah Brooks, at the corner near the house of Solomon C. Goulding, at the corner near the house of Asahel Fairbanks, at the corner near the house of Joseph Kimball, at the corner near the house of Solomon Carroll. And they would recommend that one be erected at the corner near the house of John Hitchens, also at the corner near the house of Benjamin W. Hays, also at the corner near the house of Silas Eddy.—

All of which is Respectfully Submitted.—

Grafton March 27. 1848.—

Esek Saunders
A. H. Smith
J. W. Bloomb
Luther Wright
A. M. Bigelow

Voted to accept the Road Committee's Report, which is in the following words and figures.——.——.——.—

Town of Grafton to Road Committee. —Dr.—

1848. March 30th. For Labor of Men and oxen and Materials furnished in raising the Causeway between the Factory of W. A. Fisher & Co. and the Bridge over the Blackstone River as follows; viz:——

Paid W. A. Fisher & Co. their Bill. —.—.—	$86.47
Paid Austin Holbrook his Bill. —.—.—	22.40
Paid Esek Saunders his Bill. .—.—	6.13
	$115.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.—

Esek Saunders
Austin Holbrook } Committee.
Erastus Fisher.

Voted to take up the third Article, and Choose two more Constables.

By vote chose Lovell Baker Jr. } Sworn April 15. 1848.
" " " Samuel A. Knox.— } Constables. Sworn April 3. 1848.
Voted to add one More By vote chose Ebenezer Aldrich } —— Sworn April 8. 1848.

Voted to take up the eighth article and act thereon.

Art. 8th voted to pay the Sextons the same as last year; viz: — For Diging and filling Grave, Ringing Bell to give notice of a Death, tolling it at the funeral, and attending with his horse and the Town's Hearse, one dollar and seventy five cents. Also that the friends of the deceased pay him one dollar more for his services. — . — . — . —

Voted to adjourn for 20 minutes. —
The town being met pursuant to adjournment. — . —
Voted to adjourn this Meting for two weeks at 3 o'clock P. M. — Attest.

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —.

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester,

Greeting.

In the name of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to Notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, Qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday Third day of April next at three o'clock P. M. To act on the following articles, to wit: — . —

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meting, —

2d. To see if the town will make a division of School District No. 9. as petitioned for by Stephen Cutler and others or act thereon, — . — . — . —

3d. To see if the town will cause trees to be planted around the Central Burying place, or make any other improvements on the grounds or act thereon, — . — . — .

4th. To see if the town will procure a Hearse and Bier and build a house for the same on the New burial ground "called Pine Grove Cemetery" for the use of New England village and vicinity or act thereon, — . — . —

5th. To see what the town will do in relation to uncollected taxes for 1843 & 45. now in the hands of Sumner Dunsmore or act thereon

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each —

of the Public meeting-houses in the Centre of said town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England village, Farnums Ville, and Saunders village, to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meting, — . — . — .

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk. at the time and place of meting as aforesaid. — . — . —

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Esek Saunders
A. F. Smith
J. W. Slocomb
Luther Wright
S. M. Bigelow
} Select men of Grafton

Worcester ss. April 3. 1848. —
I have served this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant

Charles Prentice. Constable, of Grafton

A True Copy.
Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, — .

At a legal Meting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-Hall in said Grafton on Monday the third day of April A.D. 1848. the following proceedings were had; to wit: — . — .

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Oliver M. Brigham, Moderator of said Meting

Voted to adjourn this Meting for one hour, — . —
The town being met pursuant to adjournment — took up the second Article. — . —

Art. 2d. Voted to grant the Petition mentioned in this article to divide School District No. 9. — . — . — . —

Voted to choose a Committee of three to make the division and establish the bounds. — . — .

By vote chose Luke Leland
" " " A. F. Smith
" " " Joseph H. Whitney
} Committee,

Art. 3d. Voted to choose a Committee of three to carry this article into effect not exceiding one hundred dollars.

By vote chose John W. Slocomb
" " " Calvin W. Forbush
" " " Samuel Hall.
} Committee,

Art. 12. Voted to choose a Committee of three to carry this article into effect as mentioned in said Article. — . —

By vote chose Asa H. Smith
" " " John B. White
" " " Philip Wing
} Committee,

And by vote the Meting was adjourned for two weeks April 17th Current at 4. o'clock P.M. — . — . —

Attest.

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

L.S. To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, Greeting. — .

The following is a list of those persons who were Chosen into Office, at the Annual Meting of the Inhabitants of said town held on the 6th day of March 1848. of whom an oath is by law required, viz: —

Jonathan Warren Town Treasurer. —

Samuel Wood.
William Rice.
} Assessors. — . — . —

Barnabas Newton
Nathaniel G. Whitney
Samuel A. Dalrymple
Jefferson Bellows. — .
Augustus Slocomb. — .
} Constables, —

Rufus C. Warren,
George Dunn. —
Hendrick Hunt.
Joseph B. Adams.
Welbridge Forbush.
Chandler M. Pratt,
Joseph Kimball
Joshua W. Leland
Charles Brigham
Elijah B. Knowlton
Jefferson Bellows
Leonard Hill.
Eli B. Sadler. .
} Highway Surveyors and Collectors of highway Taxes

Rufus W. Davenport
Daniel R. White. —
Seth J. Axtell : —
Sumner C. Stow. —
Charles D. Monroe. .
} Sworn July 12. 1848. Field Drivers, —

Nathan Hancock,
Jesse Harnum,
Augustus Slocomb,
Martin Hassett,
Joseph Kimball,
} Fence viewers.

Levi N. Leland,
Orris L. Bliss,
John M. Davenport,
Noah Fletcher,
Samuel A. Knox,
} Surveyors of Lumber.

Nathan Hancock. Sealer of weights and measures.

Rufus E. Warren
John Whitney
Jonathan R. Putnam
} Sealers of Leather.

Edward B. Bigelow
Jefferson Bellows
Barnabas Newton
Rufus W. Davenport
Esek Saunders.
Asa F. Smith.
Chandler M. Pratt
John H. Meriam
Leander S. Pratt
Elijah Stow
} Fire Wards.

An oath is not required of the fire wards, Notify them of their Office, and have them enter their acceptance or refusal within three days. Revised Statute P. 192.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, within three days from the date hereof, to summon each of the said persons to appear before me Clerk of said Town, within seven days from the time you shall give such notice, to take the oath by law prescribed to the Offices unto which they are respectively chosen,

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, within seven days from the date hereof. Given under my hand and Seal, this seventh day of March in the year 1848.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss. March 14th 1848.
I have notified the within named persons pursuant To the within directions —

Barnabas Newton, Constable of Grafton

A true copy
Attest

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

April 17th. 1848. The Town having met at 3. o'clock P.M. pursuant to adjournment of the annual March Meeting from the third Instant, the following further proceedings were had; to wit:—

After reading the proceedings of the last Meeting,

By Ballot chose Luke Leland Moderator Protempore.

Art. 3d. Voted to excuse William Rice, by his request serving as one of the Assessors the ensuing year. —

By Ballot chose Oliver M. Brigham Assessor in Stead of William Rice excused, Sworn by Charles Prentice Town Clerk

Voted to excuse Eli B. Sadler, serving as one of the Highway Surveyors and Collector of Highway taxes by his request. he having Moved out of his Districts. —

By Ballot chose Jonathan B. Sibley Highway Surveyor and Collector of highway taxes in Stead of Eli B. Sadler excused, Sworn May 3d. 1848. — by C. Prentice J. Cl.

Art. 5th. The Town voted to allow twelve and a half cents an hour for Man, and for Oxen on the highways for the time they work; the price for cart, Plough and other tools to be allowed is left discretionary with the Surveyors.

Voted to take up the 19th Article. —

Art. 19th no Committee report being offered, voted to pass over this Article. —

Art. 20th. Voted to accept the following town debts,

Charles Prentice	act for records of Births and Deaths up to May 1st. 1847 pr. bill	$29.19
George Dunn	act.	20.43
George Dunn	"	9.12½
Calvin Patrick	" rejected by vote of the Town — amount. — $2.75	
Jefferson Bellows	acct.	4.00
Rufus L. Warren	"	9.50
Lovel Baker	"	5.00
Oliver M. Brigham	"	10.00
Oliver M. Brigham	"	5.00
Oliver M. Brigham	"	10.00
Seth J. Axtell	"	7.05
Rodney G. Dennis	"	13.89
H. H. W. Sigourney	"	6.32
Joseph H. Whitney	"	2.10

Lovel Stow amount	$ 2.75
Joseph Meriam Jr.	9.50
Hollis Chamberlain	31.87
Otis Adams.	10.00
Thomas B. Biscoe	22.67
Jonas B. Brigham	5.25
Otis Adams amt $16.00 voted not to allow it.	
Austin Holbrook "	10.00
Lewis Holbrooks "	10.00
Benjamin F Edwards.	22.67
Edmund B. Willson	22.42

And by vote the Meeting was dissolved.

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

April 17th. 1848 The Town having met at 4 o'clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment of the April Meeting held on the third Instant the following further proceedings were had, to wit;

After reading the proceedings of the last Meeting,

Took up the Second Article.

Art. 2d. Voted to accept the Committees report on School District No. 9. which is in the words and figures following,

The undersigned a Committee Chosen by the Town of Grafton to define the limits of the New School District formed by the division of School District No. nine, have attended to that duty and would report to the town the boundaries thereof, to be as follows; viz:— Beginning at a Stone erected, it being the corner of Worcester and Millbury on the Grafton line, and running South 4° East 72 rods to the Boston and Worcester Rail Road, thence by the Course of said Rail Road 248 rods to a point 110 rods easterly from the arch Bridge, then South 58½° East 88 rods to a large rock, thence South 70½° East, 105 rods to the Corner of the Grave yard, thence North 88½° East 172½ rods to a Chesnut tree, marked, thence North 86° East 28 rods to a Stone; thence North 78½° East, 28 rods to a large Rock ~~South west from thence~~ South west from the House of Elijah Knowlton, thence North 85° East 112 rods to a large Stone, thence North 16° East 132 rods to a large rock, thence North 32¾° East 204 rods to point of a ledge, thence North 20½° West to a Stone Monument 58 rods it being monument No. 7. in the Grafton and Shrewsbury line, thence on said Town line by various courses

and angles until it comes to the line of the City of Worcester thence by the division line between Worcester and Grafton to the first mentioned bound, ——
The Territory included within the foregoing limits is hereafter to be known as the Eleventh School District in the Town of Grafton or in other words called the Waterville District, ——
All which is respectfully submitted
Grafton April 17th. 1848. —

Luke Leland
A. F. Smith
J. H. Whitney
} Committee.

Took up the [illegible]th article in the warrant,
Art. 5th. Voted the Select Men and Town Treasurer be hereby authorized to settle with Sumner Dunsmore late Collector of Taxes for the years 1843 & 1845. that is to make an abatement on all taxes that are uncollectable and close up his collection as they shall judge it best for the Town to be done with them —
and by vote the Meeting was dissolved. —
Attest,
Charles Pentlin. Town Clerk,

Annual return of the names of all the persons enrolled in the Militia in the Town of Grafton for the year 1848. — The whole number being enrolled is 665. —

Martin Gerry, Charles A. Chase, Jacob Spring, Constant R. Davis, John B. Rice, Delano P. Eddy, Harford P. Dunham, William Place, John Dryden, Nathaniel L. Eddy, Harvlain P. Eddy, Levi L. Smith, John P. Smith, Gilbert C. Taft, Peter Allen, Joseph Cortee, Amos D. Johnson, Albert Tinsley, Nathan Handy, Stephen C. Brown, Jephthah P. Newton, Orvis L. Bliss, Osgood McFarlands, Charles Taft, Jason L. Lewis, Andrew S. Phillips, Leonard B. Hill, Benjamin Heywood Jr. Erastus Fisher, George S. Case, David Whitcomb, Isaac Redding, Samuel C. Willis, Amer Aldrich, William Hall, Simeon Crumb, William C. Tucker, Thomas Cady, Tolvin Ross, — Edward Cortee, Amos Bates, William B. Nolen, Francis Whitney, Royal A. Heath, George Webster, Arnold Smith, Asa Smith, Joseph D. Bonn, Flint Howe, Horatio M. Davis, Amasa L. Howard, Abraham Kimpton, Charles Holmes, Alanson Pettis, Charles McCarty, Jefferson Billows, Charles Torrow, Thomas F. Bassett, Samuel Greenhalgh, Maynard Loring, Hiram Baker, James Hudson, William W. Merrill, Luther C. Wright, Alford Morse, Arnold Sherman, Loran Davis, Abner C. Williams,

James Gregory Jr. John Aldrich, George W Bradford, Stewart Woodman, James Piper, Benjamen Robbins, Robert Wilson, John Young, George Kelley, John Moore, Darius Perry Jr. Leonard A. Buxton, John Morse, Paul Pathro, John Lemon, Hiram Sibley, Abel Snakeye, Thomas Young, Charles M. Dorrison, Patrick Fansey, Martin Rourke, Austen D. Bassett, James S. Bassett, Farrant S. Sherman, Willard Clapp, Darius White, Nathaniel Odiorn, Eli B. Sadler, Frederick Whitney, Henry G. Prentice, Warren Brigham, Amherst Ford, Augustus Salisbury, Sumner E. Stow, Charles B. Demonde, George A. Field, Benedict A. Green, Samuel C. Willis, Omer Aldrich, William Hall, Simeon Crowe, William C. Tucker, Franklin Ballow, William Sibley, William Brewer, Willard Brewer, Isaac H. Southwick, Georg G. Carpenter, Henry R Keith, Frances Spring, Fisk Burnam, Jonathan F. Fisk, George Dunn, Georg Benson, Jothan Taft, Calvin S. Thurston, James Inman, Gardner Stone, Elliot E. Jourdan, Leonard Brown, Asa Sargent, Levi N. Leland, Otis Harrington, George A Brown, Aaron Aldrich, Israel Brown, Lawton Munyan, Amasa Jourdan Jr. Kendrick Hunt, Daniel Hunt, John L. Brooks, Otis C. Fay, Jonathan C. Forbush, Jonathan C. Stow, Harrison G. Claflin, Edward P. Dennis, Frances Crocker, John Riley, Samuel F. Prentice, Elisha S. Livermore, Peter Hunt, John Rockwood, John H. Merriam, Cyrus N. French, Michael McQuire, Thomas Wright, Charles Merriam, Henry Leland, Rodney Leland, Charles Adams, Ebenezer Lincoln William Hand, Calvin Briggs, Cornelius Pulling John M. Newton, Solomon C. Goulding, Uriah Lecarby, David Fisher Jr. Harvey J. Pratt, John C. Sinclair, George W. Harrington, Charles F Leland, Seth Crocker, Leonard Nelson, Stephen Eliot, Peter Sargent, Lucius M. Smith, John Allen, George N. Abbott, Richard Dunn, Albert H. Buck, Sydney Bolton, Dexter D. Buck, Levi P. Bigelow, Robert D. Chase, William W. Corson, George H. Clough, Lorenzo P. Crosby, Benjamin S. Chamberlain David Chase, Phelix Pague, Mitchell Pague, Robert W. Flagg Charles C. Fay, Silas A Fairbanks, Augustus Graves, Doran Hoyle, Doran Hoyle Jr. Paul Harper, Henry G. Johnson, Job Johnson, Andrew L Kendall, Simeon A Knowles, Samuel A Knox, Doran Larned, William Mayor, J. W. McIntyre, George W Pelsue, William Pierce, Jasper W. Putnam, Isaac T. Palmer, Levi Palmer, Ezra K. Pratt, Frances Robinson, Albert Searle, Jesse H. Smith, Edwards Smith, Saul Semmetter, Peter Snow, Amos Smith, A F. Skinner, Pascal Semmetter, John Snow, John Straite, Cale Turner, J. E. Thompson, Abraham Vert, Dexter B. Wingate Nathaniel G. Whitney, Seth C. Winslow Alden Whitney, Joseph Ryant George Buck, Otis Brown, Joseph Kelley, Hazael Goddard, George Phillips 2, Albert Buck, George N. Abbotts, Warren Elliot, David Whitcomb, Reuben Richardson, Bent Chapman, Isaac S. Harrington, Charles Marten,

Peter Bass, Job Harper, Dexter F. Wells, M. Hyde & M. Smith,
Edwin Smith, Moses L. Dodge, A. Cook, John Holland,
Joseph Corbet, Ira Lemley, Curtis G. Parsons, Augustus M.
Graves, John Gallivan Dennes Bury, Thomas Gallivan,
Gerrett May, John G. Demond, William Thornton Thomas L.
Baldwin, Josiah Norcross Jr. John Maxey, Samuel Chase,
George H. Rugg, Lucius Hayward, Charles A Holbrook, George
L Batchelor, Jonathan R Putnam, Alexander Green, Daniel G. Fairbanks,
Orin Dadman, Joseph Snell, Nathaniel Abbott, Walter Harrington
William Florence, Daniel Byron, Stephen Foster, Francis Sawyer,
Hiram A Goodrich, Charles Kelley, Edward Smith, Daniel R White
Ashley W Rice, Charles Hayes, Silas Valentine, Jeremiah Flagg,
Charles L, Chamberlain, Frederick Waterman, Hanson W. Chubb,
Josiah H. Hammond, Charles B Demond, Freeman Rice, —
Henry B. Thomas, Anson Hancock, William B Rood, Dexter
Gleason, Nelson Perry, William Robbins, Cyrus Perry, Comfort
Chaffee, William A. Ford, James W White, Walter A Ballard,
Horatio Greenwood, Samuel L. Flagg, Luke F. Allen, A. J.
George B. Pierce, John Proughty, Seward M. Brown, James L
Dodge, Pell Clayson, John Sale, William Mooney, Abel
L. Hawes, John C. Bennett, Joel F, Cobb, George Buck, Charles
Goddard D. Franklin Brigbee, Joseph Dolliver, Patrick Dollahan,
Albert B. Kingsbury, Augustus Brooks, Charles L Brooks, Horace
Batchelor, Joseph Daniels, Joseph G. Brown, John Waterman
Hiram Fernald, Rufus R. Potter, Levi F. Benson, Salmon D.
Hall, Cyprian Fay, Samuel Congdon, Thomas Lawton,
Lewis W Dodge, Samuel Whitney, Freeman M Marble,
Samuel A Dalrymple, Lorenzo Batchelor, John L Wilbur,
Ester A King, John D. Adams, Luther L Rawson, Merrill
L, Otis, John Briggs, Isaac Congdon, George Enslow, John
H. Smith, Rufus H. Whitney, William F Stevens, William
Woods, Caleb Woods, John B. White, D. N. Stanley, John
Stanley, Jefferson Paine, John D. A Potter, Lyman L Newell,
Roswell A Smith, John G Winter, Smith Tefft, Cyrus
Dalrymple, James G, Putnam, George D. Whitney, James
H. Munroe, Martin Howe, Charles H. Temple, John M,
Davenport, William Holbrook, Levi C. Heywood, Charles
B. Prentiss, Edwin A Chapin, Lowell White, Charles
Jackson, Noah Kimball, Samuel, George F Slocum —
William Wallace, Artemas D. Baker, Silas A Pierce,
Joseph Bill, Charles D. Monroe, Andrew J. McIntyre,
William Wood, John C Robbins, Samuel Hutchinson, David
White Jr. Barnabas Newton, Michael Doyle, Emery Fay,
Joshua Congdon, Samuel F Redding, George C. Holbrook,
Emerson B. Green, Levi Green, — Sumner Eaton,
Daniel A Wesson, Jonathan S. Wheeler, Cyrus D. Aldrich
Joseph Daniels, Jonathan C. Nichols, Isaac Mason, Calvin
Wesson, Elijah B. Brooks, Henry Emery, Pliny Putnam,
Joseph A Merriam, George W Hale, Lemuel Dunsmore,

L. D. Witherbee, Absalom Hastings, William N. Heywood, James Ball, Martin Fassett, Charles E. Wheeler, Daniel Gage, Peter Wheeler, Charles Gifford, Rufus Carter, Alanson G. Hinds, Isaac Follett, Seymour Tinker, William M. Stowe, Silas A. Forbush, Henry H. Wing, H. M. Tyler, George H. Whitney, Andrew J. Barton, Curtis Maynard, Joseph Willard, John Wadsworth, Josiah Miller, Charles A. Pierce, Jonathan H. Woods, Augustus White, Luther Stowe, Lovel Stow, Joshua W. Harrington, Horace Warren, Jonathan C. Warren, Charles W. Estabrook, Otis Russell, Winthrop Faulkner, Lysander Pratt, Jeremiah S. Holmes, Elijah L. Case, Albert Wheelock, Rufus H. Knowlton, Abel Maynard, Samuel C. Flagg, Charles Dunsmore, John J. Parsons, Edwin Eaton, David W. Carpenter, Charles C. Woods, Daniel T. Witherbee, Frederick S. Williams, John Whittier, H. D. P. Bigelow, Alfred Holden, Noah Fletcher, Harvey Stoddard, Orris Mc. Knight, Warren Toby, Zanthy Parker, Horace P. Brown, David W. Brown, Joseph Wood, Joseph H. Clark, Otis Fuller, Barnard Fowler, Noah Wilcox, George H. Bates, Charles C. Adams, Stephen R. White, Reuben Taylor, Daniel Waldo, Hamilton Redding, Edwin Prentice, Elbridge G. Prentice, Ephraim C. Raby, John Paine, Adrian C. Parker, William Prentice, Orlando Whitney, John Fitchett, Cornelius Hill, William Talbot, Leonard B. Hill, Samuel Maxwell, Lyman Austin, Benson Buxton, Abraham Vancuren, Phineas Gates Jr., Thomas Aldrich, Thomas J. Baker, Maurice Reardon, George Bates, Cyrus Stratton, Timothy Bosworth, Jacob Barker, Augustus White, William Harlow, H. H. W. Sigourney, C. M. Jenks, Hanson Crooker, John S. Sweeney, Thomas L. Jacobs, Leander S. Pratt, Amos Fallon, Francis P. Gerry, Apollos Lincoln, Peter Snow, Alexander Jacobs, Erastus White, John Lavity, Lewis L. Randall, — Andrew H. White, Owen Mc. Geer, William Holbrook Jr., William Fisk, Lewis Sumner, David R. Chamberlain, Jonathan B. Sibley, Harrison Eames, Moses P. Stow, Judson Morse, Elijah C. Perkins, Thomas M. Baker Jr., Moses C. Hayden, Elijah G. Johnson, John R. Smith, John P. Hayden, Henry W. Pierce, Dwight Mann, Hugh Mahoney, Pardon W. Adcock, Samuel C. Bennett, Cyrus D. Aldrich, Amos Smith, Moses Dodge, Henry Fuller, John Moore, Dana Whitcomb, Stephen Elliott, Oscar Darling, Harrison K. Putnam, William P. Gifford, Seth Rowland, T. P. Wheeler, George Phillips, Dennis Kenney, Noah K. Merriam, William L. Lewis, John D. Merriam, — Brown, Charles A. Harrington, Rowland Cobb Jr., Henry Gates, Abner P. Carpenter, William Davis, William C. Bartlett, J. C. Holmes, Andrew Ryan, Martin Corbett, Thomas Dewing, John Quinby, John Sinclair, Charles Prentice 2d, Elazer Leland, John B. Dollner, Lyman Alger, Francis Houghton, Leander Putnam, Nathan Chaffin, Charles M. Barker, Samuel D. Pennock, William J. Barker, Palmer Goulding, —

Lorenzo Goulding, John B. Smith, Henry A. Green, Charles Goddard 2d. George W. Newton, Nathan S. Wheelock, John C. Thornton, Joseph Copeland, Jonathan C. Patch, Frederick Brimblecom, Francis Brimblecom, William L. Wheelock, Joseph Kimball, John C. Leland, Charles M. Smith, Ebenezer H. Smith, John Prentice, Benjamin S. Watson, William S. Gates, Willard S. Wood, Joseph B. Adams, Charles Hardy, Pardon Leland, Charles Collis, Charles H. Jackson, Silas A. Forbush, Salem Greggs, J. J. Griggs, John Whitney, Samuel C. Nash, James Gleason, Rufus W. Davenport, James H. Emery, William S. Brown, Francis Wink, Dexter S. Bragg, Addison Brown, Moses C. Woodbury, John C. Woodbury, Augustus Leland, Joseph Witherbee, Silas Collis, Charles Thornton, William C. Stockwell, Augustus S. Haywood, Samuel H. Prentice, Samuel Bixby, Minot Amsden, George W. Collier, E. A. Smead, Joseph M. Leland, Leander Smith, Simon Loring, Augustus Slocomb, Henry Ester, John Potter, Thomas J. Drury, Russell M. Collier, Leander Putnam, Samuel M. Putnam, John N. Welton, Adolphus Howe, Daniel Carney, Charles H. Whitney, Otis W. Hall, D. H. Wheeler, Charles A. Wheeler, Stephen Shackley, Joseph S. Dispeau, William A Dispeau, A. J. Harrington, Thomas Canty, George C. Ridell, Jarvis Green, William L Wheelock, Thomas J. Flint, Charles A. Smith George Bigelow, Lucius H. Harlow, James Martin, Frances Carroll,

Whole number 665.

Grafton May 30th. 1848.

Samuel Wood
Charles Prentice
Oliver M. Brigham
} Assessors of Grafton.

A Copy.

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton on monday the fourteenth day of August next at 2. o'clock P.M. to act on the following Articles, to wit:-

Art. 1st. To Choose a moderator for said meeting, —

Art. 2. To see if the town will choose a committee to make or cause to be made the road and bridges from the terminus of the new County road across Grafton Common, laid out by the County Commissioners, or act thereon, — , —,

" 3. To see if the town will vote to have the inhabitants of School District No. 11. set back to School District No. 9. or a part thereof as petitioned for by James Greenwood and others, or act thereon, —, —, —, —

" 4th. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen on laying out of a town road commencing at the Easterly side of a town road leading from Kimball-ville to Shrewsbury near the Boston and Worcester rail road and running to intersect with road near the Depot of the Boston and Worcester Rail-road or act thereon, — , — , —

" 5th. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen on laying out of a town road commencing near the house of Leonard Whulock and running to intersect with roads near the house of H. H. W. Sigourney or act thereon. —

" 6th. To see if the town will authorize the Select Men or Choose a Committee to Petition the County Commissioners to discontinue a part of the old County road leading from Grafton Common to Worcester or act thereon. —

" 7th To see if the town will Choose a Committee to make or cause to be made the new roads laid out by the Select Men or act thereon, — , —

" 8th. To accept Town Debts, —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the Centre of said town, and and at the Meting-houses in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village, to Stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting, —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid,

Given under our hands this thirty-first day of July in the year of our

Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight,

Esek Saunders, A. F. Smith, John W. Slocomb, Luther Wright, A. M. Bigelow } Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester, ss,

Grafton August 14th. 1848. —

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at each of the Public Meeting-Houses in said Town pursuant to the directions in said warrant, Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A true Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-hall in said town on Monday the 14th. day of August A. D. 1848. the following proceedings were had; to wit: —

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Luke Leland Moderator, —

Art. 2. It was moved to choose a Committee of three to make or cause to be made the new road laid out by the County-Commissioners across Grafton Common, —
Voted to choose said Committee by hand vote, —

By vote chose Ebenezer Hutchins, Joseph Kimball, Calvin W. Forbush, } Committee,

Art. 3. It was moved to pass over this Article and it passed in the negative yeas 11. Nays 17. —
Then voted to choose a Committee of three to enquire into the legality of the former division of School District No. 9. — and also the expediency of reannexing School District No 11. to School District No. 9. and report at a subsequent meeting. —.

By vote chose. Samuel Allen, Samuel Wood and — A. F. Smith. Committee,

Art. 4th Voted to accept the Select Men's Report which is in the words and figures following. —

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows, —

Beginning at the easterly side of a town road leading from Kimball Vill to Shrewsbury, near the Boston and Worcester Rail-Road at a bound, and running S. 84°. W. 16 links, the whole location being on said town road, thence S. 84°. W. 1 rod & 14 links, the whole location on the north side and running to a point on the South side being over said town road and the whole location on the South side and running to a point on the north side, being over land of Abner Harlow, thence over lands of said Harlow S. 84°. W. 9 rods and 5 links, thence over land of said Harlow S. 75°. 15'. W. 20 rods and 18 links, thence over lands of Samuel H. Allen S. 75°. 15' W. 5 rods and Thirteen links. Thence S. 75°. 15'. W. 18 rods and 15 links the whole location on the south side and East end, and running to a point at the west end being over lands of said Allen, and the whole location on the North side and west end running to a point at the East end being over land of the Boston & Worcester Rail-road Corporation, thence over lands of said Rail-road Corporation S. 75°. 15'. W. 7 rods & 8 links to the road leading from Grafton to Shrewsbury, said road being laid 3 rods and 5 links wide at the East end and gradually decreasing in width until it is only 2 rods in width 11 rods and 10 links westerly of the first mentioned bound, thence 2 rods in width the remainder of the location, and to lie on the southeasterly side of said course, —

And we agree with the owners of the land over which said way passes for their damages as follows, To the said Harlow Thirty dollars for fencing to be paid by the said Town of Grafton before said road is opened, and the said Samuel H. Allen releases all damages for laying said way through his land, and we award him none — and said Boston and Worcester Rail-road Corporation release all damages for laying said way through their land and we award them none, which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever to be known as a public town way.

Grafton July 15th. 1848.

Esek Saunders
A. F. Smith
J. W. Slocomb
A. M. Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton,

A True Copy
Attest.
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Art. 5th. Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen, which is in the words and figures following. ——

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, have laid out for the use of the said town a town way as follows, ——.

Beginning at a Stake and Stones on the Northerly side of the road leading from the County road to — Leonard Wheelocks, at land of Gabriel F. Wheeler & Son, thence through said Wheeler's land S. 67° W. 41 6/100 rods, thence through land of H. H. W. Sigourney S. 66° 30' W. 80 rods, thence through land of Sigourney S. 64° W. 17 40/100 rods to the Brigham-Hill road so called, to be two rods wide and lie on the South-easterly side of said Course, ——.

And we agreed with the owners of the land over which said way passes for their damages as follows, the said Wheelers released all the damages for laying said way through his land, and we award him none, The said Sigourney released all the damages for laying said way through his land and we award him none,

Which said road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way

Grafton July 15th 1848.

Elek Saunders
A. F. Smith
J. W. Slocomb
A. M. Pidgeon
} Selectmen of Grafton,

A. True Copy
Attest. Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk,

Art 6th. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to Petition the County Commissioners to discontinue such parts of the old County road leading from Grafton Common to Worcester as they shall determine best for the town with the concurrence of the Selectmen. as respects a certain portion by the Goddard Pond so called and that passing by Samuel Dispeaux's through the watering place.

Art. 7th. Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Make or cause to be made the two new roads laid out by the Selectmen and accepted by the town this day as mentioned in the fourth

and fifth articles in said warrants, —

By vote chose Chandler M. Pratt
Joseph Batchelor
Charles B. Jencks. } Committee,

Art. 8th. Voted to accept the following town debts,

Accepted Samuel Wood's acct for
Making Taxes & paying Postage. — } $24.40

And by vote the meeting was dissolved
Attest.
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

"Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester,
Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Seventh day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, it being the first Tuesday of said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, — The votes for Electors will all be received on one Ballot, — The Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above officers at 11. o'Clock in the forenoon of said day, —

And you are directed to notify the Inhabitants above named to meet on said day and at the place above named at three o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following Articles; to wit; —

Art. 1st. To choose a moderator of said Meeting, —

" 2d. To hear the report of the Committee authorized authorized by the town to sell their former Pauper farm, and purchase another farm to be used for the same purpose and act thereon, —

(over.)

Art 39. To see if the town will cause any alterations to be made in their house recently purchased by their committee for an Almshouse, for the better accommodation for the use that it is designed for, or any necessary repairs on any of the buildings connected therewith, or act thereon,

" 40. To see if the town will vote to sell a portion of their farm recently purchased for a pauper farm, or act thereon,

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Muting-houses in the centre of said town, and at the muting-houses in New England Village, Farnums Ville, and Saunders Village ten days at least before the time of holding said Muting.

Here of fail not and Make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of Muting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Ezek Saunders
A. F. Smith
John W. Slocomb
Luther Wright
A. M. Bigelow
} Select men of Grafton

Worcester ss. November 7th. 1848.

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Muting-houses in the town of Grafton pursuant to the direction in said Warrant. Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant and return Made Thereon

Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, held at the Town-hall in said town on Tuesday the Seventh day of November A.D. 1848. for the purpose of giving in their votes to the Selectmen for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, The whole number of Ballots given in was Five hundred and sixty six. — And they were for the following persons, viz:—

For Presidential Electors at Large.

Levi Lincoln of Worcester had Two hundred three votes,
Edmund Dwight of Boston had Two hundred three votes,

Charles G. Green of Boston had one hundred six votes,
Henry H. Childs of Pittsfield had one hundred six votes,

Samuel Hoar of Concord had Two hundred fifty seven votes,
William Jackson of Newton had Two hundred fifty seven votes,

For an Elector for District No. 1.

Albert Fearing of Boston had two hundred three votes,
James Cheever of Boston, had one hundred six votes,
Joseph Willard of Boston had Two hundred fifty seven votes,

For an Elector for District No. 2. —

David Pingree of Salem had Two hundred three votes,
Ebenezer H. Stacey of Gloucester had one hundred six votes,
John B. Alley of Lynn had Two hundred fifty seven votes,

For an Elector for District No. 3.

Daniel Adams of Newbury had Two hundred two votes, —
Edwin Lawrence of Newburyport had one hundred six votes,
John G. Whittier of Amesbury had Two hundred fifty seven votes,

For an Elector for District No. 4.

Isaac Livermore of Cambridge had Two hundred two votes,
Timothy Fletcher of Charlestown had one hundred six votes,
Nathan Brooks of Concord had Two hundred fifty seven Votes,

For an Elector for District No. 5.

Benjamin F. Thomas of Worcester had Two hundred two votes,
John S. C. Knowlton of Worcester had one hundred six votes,
Alexander H. Witt of Worcester had Two hundred fifty seven votes

For an Elector for District No. 6.

Myron Lawrence of Belchertown, had Two hundred two Votes,
Joseph Smith of Hatfield, had one hundred six Votes,
James Fowler of Westfield, had Two hundred fifty three Votes,
James Fowler of Worcester had four Votes. — . ——

For an Elector for District No. 7. —
Asa Howland of Conway, had Two hundred two Votes,
Samuel Gates of West Stockbridge, had one hundred six Votes,
Thomas Robinson of Adams. had Two hundred fifty seven Votes,

For an Elector for District No. 8.
H. A. S. Dearborn of Roxbury, had Two hundred two Votes,
William Ellis of Dedham had one hundred six Votes,
Benjamin V. French of Braintree had Two hundred fifty seven Votes,

For an Elector for District No. 9.
William Bayley of West Bridgewater had Two hundred three Votes,
Foster Hooper of Fall River, had one hundred five Votes. —
Philo Leach of Bridgewater, had Two hundred fifty seven Votes,

For an Elector for District No. 10.
William R. Easton of Nantucket had Two hundred three Votes,
James D. Thompson of New Bedford had one hundred five Votes,
Isaac C. Taber of New Bedford Two hundred fifty seven votes, —

Attest,
Charles Prentice Town Clerk. —

At a Town Meting held on the same 7th day of November A. D. 1848. pursuant to warning at 3. o'clock, P. M. the following proceedings were had. to wit: —

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Samuel Wood Moderator. —

Art. 2d. The Town Voted to Accept the Committees Report Authorized to Sell their pauper farm and purchase an other farm for the same purpose which is in the words and figures following to wit: —

The Committee Chosen by the Town of Grafton at their Annual Meting held in March A. D. 1848. and Authorized by said town at an adjournment of said meting, to Sell their farm used for the Support of their Poor, and to pur= chase an other farm to be occupied for the same purpose, have attended to that Service, and Respectfully report to the town as follows. —

That they on the tenth of April last past bargained with and conveyed by Deed of warranty in behalf of said town of Grafton to Willard Raymond of westboro, The farm and buildings thereon Standing then belonging to said Town of Grafton, Excepting twenty four acres and twenty rods of wood land. for the sum.

of Fifteen hundred and fifty dollars payable in thirty days from that date. Reserving to the town the privaledge of occupying the Dwelling house, Garden, and a small portion of the barn, until the first day of April 1849; Ten hundred and fifty dollars of the above sum was paid over to the Committee on the tenth of May, the time that it became due, and on the 18th. of said may — the same was loaned to Jon.a Warren Treasurer of said Grafton payable to said Committee on demand with interest, — the remaining sum of five hundred dollars due on Mr. Raymonds Note is bearing interest from the tenth of may last, — Your Committee further report that from the Multitude of farms offered for sale and by them examined, They were of the unanimous opinion the one owned by Joseph Bassett 2d. formerly known as the Cyrus Leland farm, would be the most Suitable one for the town of any of the farms that they had examined according to the price it could be purchased for, They therefore contracted for and received a Deed of warranty from said Bassett bearing date Sept.r Seventh 1848. conveying said farm of Two Hundred and Thirteen acres and 154 rods more or less with the buildings thereon to the Inhabitents of the town of Grafton. for the sum of four Thousand Dollars, Fifteen hundred dollars of which is made payable on the Eleventh day of November 1848. the remaining sum of twenty five hundred dollars is made payable on the first day of April 1849. — All the hay in the Barns excepting what is wanted to keep the horse of Jos. M. Bassett and all the oat straw and Corn fodder excepting what is necessary to keep his neat Stock untill the Eleventh day of November 1848. is included in the foregoing purchase, and on the day last named the town are to come into full possession of the foregoing premises, only reserving to Joseph M. Bassett the privilege of Storing his furniture in the house and his grain in the Grainery untill the first of April next,

Your Committee further State for the Security for the payment of the Four Thousand dollars aforesaid, That they gave a promissory note under their hands in behalf of said town of Grafton to Joseph M. Bassett payable the Eleventh day of November 1848, for the sum of $1500 with the understanding that said note should be paid by the Committee out of the proceeds of the sale of the farm that they had sold, They also gave one other note in like manner to said Jos. M. Bassett for the sum of $2500 payable April first 1849. — which last note named is to be paid by the town of Grafton, —

over

Amount in Committees hands originated from sale of former Farm. — . — . — . — $1550.00
Interest on same cast to this date. . 44.50 $1594.50

Deduct J. M. Bassetts Note to be paid by Committee $1500.00
Services of Committee $12.00 each. — . — 60.00
Cash paid for other necessary Expenses. — 4.27 1564.27

Leaving a balance in favor of the Town, — . — . — $. 30.23

Your Committee would remark that the farm recently purchased is rather deficient in the article of wood for a durable supply for the accommodation of an almshouse, there is probably twenty acres or more of wood land on the farm covered with a young growth of trees and shrubs with the exception of some larger trees that have come to maturity which are not sufficient to supply the establishment until the younger growth advances to a more suitable fitness to be cut off for the necessary article of fuel. — . —

Owing to the easy access to the wood lot untold that belonged to the former farm and the need of having it kept for the benefit of the present one your Committee will omit selling it (unless otherwise instructed by the town) and would recommend to the town to retain it that they may have a sufficient supply of wood for the accommodation of their Pauper establishment — . —

All which is respectfully submitted
Grafton Novr 7th. 1848. —

Luke Leland
Benj. W. Fay. —
Philip Wing —
Charles Goddard
Lewis Holbrook.
} Committee

Art. 3d. Voted the same former Committee be authorized to make such needed repairs on their Pauper farm as they shall think it best to do according to their best skill and judgment. —

Art. 4th. Voted to pass over this article. —
And the Meeting was dissolved.

Attest Charles Prentice, Town Clerk

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester. — Greeting. —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday Thirteenth day of November next, at Nine O'clock in the forenoon, being the second Monday of said Month, to bring in their votes to the Select-men for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing: —

Also, to bring in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States from District No. 5. to serve for two years from the fourth of of March next: — And also to Choose a Representative to Represent them in the General Court, to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next, —

The votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators will all be received on one ballot, and for Representatives on Seperate ballots. —

The Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above Officers at 10. O'Clock in the forenoon of said day, —

And you are directed to notify the inhabitants above named to Meet at the place above named at 2. O'clock P.M. on said day to act on the following Articles, viz: —

Art. 1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting, —

" 2d To see if the town will Make a new division of the School Money or appropriate a Sum Suffiment to Support the School in Waterville District No. 11. or act thereon, —

" 3d. To see if the town will authorize the Select-men to Change the location of the road lately laid out near the Rail-road providing it can be done without the town paying damages or act thereon, —

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Centre of said town, and at the Meeting-houses in New-England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village, ten days at least before the time of holding said Meeting, —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid, —

Given under our hands this second day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty eight. —

Eseck Saunders
A. F. Smith
John W. Slocomb
Luther Wright
A. M. Bigelow
} Select men of Grafton,

Worcester, ss. November 13th. 1848.
I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public meeting-houses in the town of Grafton pursuant to the direction in said warrant. Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton.

A True Copy of the warrant and return thereon,
Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal meting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on the thirteenth day of November A.D. 1848. being the second Monday of said Month, The whole number of Ballots given in for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and for Senators, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration Thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons—
Whole Number of Ballots was five hundred fifty.—

For Governor.

George N. Briggs had Two hundred twenty one votes.—
Caleb Cushing, had Eighty two votes.—
Stephen C. Phillips, had Two hundred forty seven votes,

For Lieutenant Governor.—

John Reed had Two hundred Twenty votes,
Henry W. Cushman had Eighty two votes,—
John Mills, had Two hundred forty six votes,

For Senators.—

John Brooks had Two hundred eighteen votes,
A. H. Bullock had Two hundred sixteen votes,
E. D. Ammidown had Two hundred eighteen votes,
Paul Whitin had Two hundred eighteen votes,
Ebenezer Torrey had Two hundred eighteen votes,
Otis Adams had Seventy three votes,
Francis Howe had Eighty two votes,
Seth Hapgood had Eighty two votes,
Ivers Phillips had Eighty one votes,
John Erskin had Eighty two votes,
Alexander H. Witt had Two hundred fifty votes,
Moses Wood had Two ~~forty nine~~ votes,
Cyrus Gale had Two hundred fifty votes,
Edward B. Bigelow had Two hundred forty seven votes,
Amasa Walker had Two hundred forty nine votes,

State Election for a Representatives to the General Court, The whole number of Ballots given in was, Five hundred forty nine. And were for the following persons viz;—
Abraham M. Bigelow had Two hundred forty seven Votes.—
Chandler M. Pratt had Two hundred sixteen Votes.—
John Waterman had Eighty Votes.—
Noah Kimball had one. Oliver M. Wigham had three Lewis Holbrook had one, and Joseph Leland had one vote,
Necessary for a choice is two hundred seventy four Votes,
and there was no choice.—

For a Representative in the Congress Of the United States for the fifth District—

For a Representative in the Congress of the United States from District No. 5. - whole number of Ballots was five hundred and forty five. -
Charles Allen had Two hundred seventy two votes
Charles Hudson had Two hundred two votes. -
Isaac Davis had seventy one votes. -
Motion made by Isaac A. Stone to adjourn this Meeting till to morrow at 10. O' clock A.M. Divided the House, for adjournment 94. - against adjournment - 107. Moved to dissolve this Meeting And by vote the Meeting was dissolved. -
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk. -

November 13th. 1848. The Town being met the following proceedings were had to wit: -
Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Otis Adams Moderator of said Meeting
Art. 2d. Voted the Town appropriate the sum of one hundred Dollars for Waterville School District called District No. 11. -
Art. 3d. Voted to pass over this article. - and by vote the Meeting was dissolved. -
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk. -

Worcester, ss.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester. - - - - - Greeting. -
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday twenty seventh day of November Current at ten o'clock in the forenoon being the fourth Monday of said Month, to bring in their votes of the Select-men for a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. The Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above officers at 11, O'clock in the forenoon of said day. - And you are directed to notify the Inhabitants above Named to meet on said day and at the place above named at 2. O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz: -
Art. 1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting. -
Art. 2d. To hear the report of the Selectmen on laying out a small section of road at the Northerly part of said Town and act thereon. -
Art. 3d. To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon. -
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the centre of said town and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village ten days at least before

the time of Holding said meting. ~ . . ——
Here of fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of Meting as aforesaid. . —
Given under our hands this thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Esek Saunders
A. F. Smith. —
John W. Slocomb
Luther Wright
A. M. Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester ss. November 27th. 1848. — I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the Town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant. ——
Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton,

A true Copy
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk. ~ . ——

At a legal meting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs held at the Town-hall in said Town on Monday the Twenty fourth day of November A. D. 1848. for the Choice of a Representative to represent said Town in the General Court to be Holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. The whole number of Ballots ~~was~~ given in was five hundred and Eight. and were for the following persons,

Abraham M. Bigelow had Two hundred forty one Votes
Chandler M Pratt had Two hundred Twenty two votes
John Waterman had forty Votes. ——
Oliver M. Wrigham had Two Votes. —
I. S. Harrington had one Vote. —
Joseph Leland had one Vote. —
Abram Bigelow had one Vote. ——

Necessary to a Choice is 255. no one having that Number there was no choice. ——
and by Vote this meting was dissolved
Attest. Charles Prentice Town Clerk —

At a legal Town Meting held on the same 27th. day of November A. D. 1848. for Town affairs the following proceedings were had, to wit: ~
Oct. 1st. By Ballot Chose Esek Saunders Moderator of the Meting,

Art. 2. voted to accept the Selectmens Report in laying out a small Section of Town road at the Northerly part of said Grafton which is in the following words and figures to wit: —

"We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Grafton have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows, — Commencing at the Easterly side of a town road leading from Kimballs Vill to Shrewsbury near the Rail road at a Stone bound and running S. 82° W. 16 links the whole location being on said town road. Thence S. 82° W. 1 rod and 14 links the Whole location on the North side & running to a point on the South side being over said Town road and the whole location on the South side and — running to a point on the north side being over a new road recently laid out and accepted by the town, thence over said road and land of Abner Harlow S. 82° W. 11 rods and 15 links. thence thence over said road & land of said Harlow S. 76° 30' W. 20 rods & 18 links to interseit a new road road recently laid out and accepted by the town, said road being laid 3 rods and 5 links wide at the East end and gradually decreasing in width until it is only 2 rods in width 11 rods & 15 links westerly of first thence 2 rods in width the remainder of the location. and to lie on the southeasterly side of said courses, said Harlow released all damages for laying said way through his lands and we award him none, which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. — Grafton Nov. 20th. 1848.

Esek Saunders,
A. F. Smith,
John W. Slocomb
Luther Wright
A. M. Bigelow
} Select-Men of Grafton,

Art. 3. voted to pass over this article, And by vote the Meeting was dissolved,
Attest Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, " "

"Worcester. ss,

To either of the constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester. — Greeting. —

In the Name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requered to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town-Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Eighteenth day of December Current at 2. o'clock P. M. to act on the following Articles; to wit: —

Art. 1st. To Choose a Moderator of said Meeting. " " "

" 2. To see if said town will enact such by laws as the inhabitants of said Town are authorized to; by the statutes of this Commonwealth for licencing, regulating, and restraining Dogs going at large in said town, or act thereon as petitioned for by Lovel Baker and others,

" 3. To hear the report of any outstanding Committee or act thereon, "

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Centre of said town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting. —

Here of fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. — .

Given under our hands this sixth day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight. —

Esek Saunders
A. D. Smith
John H. Slocomb
Luther Wright
A. M. Bigelow
} Select-men of Grafton,

Worcester ss. December 18th. 1848. I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said town pursuant to the directions in said warrant, —

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton, — .

A true copy.
attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. —

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town-hall in said town on Monday the eighteenth day of December A. D. 1848. it was voted to adopt the following By Laws in relation to Dogs

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Joseph Bruce Moderator of the Meeting
Art. 2d. voted to Choose a Committee of three to report forthwith a code of by laws respecting Dogs running at large, —
voted the Chair appoint the Committee.

William H. Slocum
Erastus Fisher. —
Chandler M. Pratt. —
} were appointed the Committee.

And the Town voted to accept of them. —
voted to accept the report of the Committee which is in the following words and figures, to wit: —

Sec. 1. Any person who shall own or keep a Dog in said town, which shall run at large within the town, shall pay a penalty of five dollars for each and every such Dog unless a license for such Dog shall have been obtained according to the provisions of the following sections, —

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk, to give to any inhabitant of the town, on application therefor, and the payment of one and a half dollars, a license to permit

One dog, Muzzled and wearing a collar legibly marked with the name and residence of the owner or keeper to run at large for one year from the date of the license. —

Sec. 3. Every application for a license as aforesaid shall state the name, color, sex, and such marks, natural and artificials, as will identify the dog for which such the license is applied for, by the description given. — . —

Sec. 4th. If any dog, for which a license shall be obtained as aforesaid, shall run at large in said town, without being Muzzled, and wearing a collar as aforesaid, the license shall be void, and the owner of said dog shall be liable to the same penalty as though no license had ever been obtained for said dog. —

Sec. 5th. The Town Clerk shall record all such licenses in a Book kept for that purpose, —

Sec. 6th. payments for such licenses and all penalties recovered under these by laws, shall enure to the use of the town. The prosecutor nevertheless shall receive one half of the penalty recovered in any case. —

Sec. 7th. The Town Clerk shall be allowed the sum of thirty cents for receiving an application for a license, granting the license and recording the same, to be paid out of the Town treasury, —

Sec. 8th. The Selectmen shall offer a reward of two dollars for the destruction of any dog found going at large, contrary to the provisions of the foregoing by laws, which shall be paid from the Town Treasury, —

Sec. 9th. These by laws shall take effect on and after the twenty fifth day of December A. D. 1848.

A true copy of the records.

Attest Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

"Worcester ss. C. C. P. Dec. T. 1848. —

Approved Dec. 21. 1848

Thos. Hopkinson. Jus. C. C. P. —

Voted The same committee appointed to adopt a code of by laws, be a committee to apply to the Court of common Pleas for their approval of said vote. — —

And by vote the Meeting was dissolved, —

Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, — . — —

"Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting. . —

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs, to Meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton, on Monday the first day of January next, at one o' clock in the afternoon, being the first Monday of said Month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to the Congress of the United States from District No. five, to serve for two years from from the fourth of March next; —

500

The Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above officer at 2. o'clock in the afternoon of said day. The Polls will be closed at 4. o'clock P.M. —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the centre of said Town, and at the Meeting-houses in Newbrigland Village, Farnumsville and Saunders village nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. —

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid. —

Given under our hands this 18th. day of December in the year of our LORD, one Thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Esek Saunders } Selectmen
John W. Slocomb } of
Luther Wright, — } Grafton. —

Worcester, ss, December 25th. 1848. —
I have served this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said Town of Grafton pursuant to the direction in said warrant. Charles Prentice Constable, of Grafton, —

A true Copy
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections, held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the first day of January A. D. 1849. for the purpose of giving in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative in the Congress of the United States from District No. five. The whole Number of Ballots given in was four hundred twenty three, and were for the following persons, —

Charles Allen. had Two hundred sixty three votes. —
Charles Hudson had one hundred forty nine votes —
Isaac Davis had Ten votes, —
Walter A Bryant, had one vote. —

And by vote the Meeting was dissolved, —

Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

To Charles Prentice Clerk of the Town of Grafton,
This is to certify that the lands and Estates of the following named Non-resident owners and Proprietors are considered as belonging to and liable to be taxed in School District No. 11. or Waterville District so called. —

Samuel D. Smith. Esq. of Connecticutt,
Jonas Allen, Shrewsbury,
David W. Page, Boston,
Nathan S. Harrington, Worcester,
Alpheus Merrifield Worcester,
Newell Philbrook Worcester,

Grafton September 23. 1848. —

Samuel Woods
Charles Prentice
Oliver M. Brigham, } Assessors of Grafton

A true Copy.
Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

43. Know all men by these Presents, That I, Charles Brigham of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, In consideration of five dollars paid me by William Brigham of Boston, and Cornelia A. Brigham of Grafton, my Children. The Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby grant, Sell, and Quit-claim unto the said William Brigham and Cornelia A. Brigham their Heirs, and assigns, all my right, title, claim and demands, in and unto one undivided half of a certain Pew on the floor in the Congregational Meting-house in said Grafton Numbered Thirty Seven, being the same Pew which I have occupied for years past, And the same which was conveyed to me by a Deed from a committee of the Congregational Society in said Grafton Dated May 10th. A.D. 1832. And recorded in the Registry of Pew Deeds in said Grafton Book 6. Page 30.

The said William & Cornelia to take possession at my decease.

To Have and to hold the same to the said William Brigham and Cornelia A. Brigham their Heirs and assigns to their use and behoof forever. And I do covenant to warrant and defend said granted and quitclaimed half of said Pew to the said William and Cornelia their heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons, claiming by or under me and none other, In Witness Whereof I the said Charles Brigham have hereunto set my hand and seal this Thirty first day of March in the Year of our Lord. one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us.
Ira Lindsey.

Charles Brigham [L.S.]

Worcester, ss. April 27th. 1847. Then the above named Charles Brigham acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed, Before me.

Charles Brigham Jr. Just. of Peace.

A True Copy.
Received January 4th. 1849. at 7h. 25m. P.M.
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Grafton ss. Feb. 4th. 1848. Then personally appeared the above named John W Wheeler, Joseph Pinkham, Samuel B. Dolliver, Thomas Flint, Lorenzo P. Crosby, Franklin M. Dwyer and Loren Hoyle, and acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and Deed before me.

C. Jencks. Justice of the Peace.

A true Copy Recived April 3d. 1848. at 10h. 45m. A.M.

Attst,

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk.

Know all men by these Presents, That we John W. Wheeler, Joseph Pinkham, Samuel B. Dolliver, Thomas Flint Lorenzo. P. Crosby, Franklin M. Dwyer and Loren Hoyle Trustees of the first Methodist Society in New England Village, Grafton, in consideration of Twenty two Dollars and 100 paid by Asiel Davenport the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey to said Asiel Davenport his heirs and assigns forever, Pew Numbered 53. in the first Methodist Meting-house in New England Village, Grafton.

To have and to hold the premises aforegranted unto the said Asiel Davenport his heirs and Assigns, forever,

In Witness Whereof we the Trustees as aforesaid, have hereunto set our hands and seals, this seventeenth day of June A. D. 1847.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us
Asiel H. Davenport.
Daniels young.

John W. Wheeler [L.S.]
Joseph Penkham [L.S.]
Lorenzo P. Crosby [L.S.]
Franklin M. Dwyer [L.S.]
Loran Hoyle [L.S.]
Thomas Flint [L.S.]

Grafton ss. Feb 4th. 1848. Then personally appeared the above named John W Wheeler Joseph Pinkham, Samuel B. Dolliver, Thomas Flint, Lorenzo P. Crosby, Franklin M. Dwyer and Loren Hoyle. and acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and Deede before me, C. B. Jencks. Justice of the Peace.

A true Copy.
Recived April 26th. 1848. at 3h. 0m. P.M.

Attst

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk.

N. B. The above named Asiel Davenport. means Asiel H. Davenport as said to me at the time it was recived

attest Charles Prentice Town Clerk.

41.

Know all men by these Presents. That we John N. Wheler, Joseph Pinkham, Samuel B. Doliver, Thomas Flint, Lorenzo P. Crosby, Franklin M. Dwyer and Loren Hoyle. Trustes of the first Methodist Society in New England Village, Grafton, —— In consideration of thirty five dollars and ~~00~~ paid by Elphonzo Barrows, the receipt ~~of~~ which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey to said Elphonzo Barrus his Heirs and assigns, forever, Pew, Numbered 9. in the first Methodist Meeting-house in New England Village, Grafton, To have and to hold the premises afore-granted unto the said Elphonzo Barrus his heirs and assigns forever. — In witness whereof, we the Trustes as aforesaid, have hereunto set our hands and seals this seventeenth day of June A.D. 1847. —

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us. — Ariel H. Davenport, Daniel Young. —

John N. Wheler L.S.
Joseph Pinkham L.S.
Lorenzo P. Crosby. L.S.
Franklin M. Dwyer L.S.
Loran Hoyle L.S.
Thomas Flint. — L.S.

Grafton, ss. Feb. 4th. 1848. Then personally appeared the above named, John N. Wheler, Joseph Pinkham, Samuel B. Doliver, Thomas Flint Lorenzo P. Crosby, Franklin M. Dwyer, and Loren Hoyle, and acknowledged the above instrument to be their freeact and Deed, before me. C. W. Jencks Justice of the Peace.

A true Copy. Recived March 2d. 1848. at 11h. 50m. A.M. —.

Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. ——

Know all Men by these Presents, That we John N. Wheler, Joseph Pinkham, Samuel B. Doliver Thomas Flint, Lorenzo P. Crosby, Franklin M. Dwyer, and Loren Hoyle, Trustes of the First Methodist Society in New England Village, Grafton. in consideration of thirty four dollars and ~~00~~ paid by John Doliver. the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey to said John Doliver his heirs and assigns, forever. Pew Numbered 17. — in the first Methodist Meeting-house, in New England village, Grafton. To have and to hold the premises afore granted unto the said John Doliver his heirs and assigns forever. In Witness Whereof, we the Trustes as aforesaid have hereunto set our hands and Seals this seventeenth day of June A.D. 1847. — —

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us. — Ariel H. Davenport, Daniel Young.

John N. Wheler. — L.S.
Joseph Pinkham L.S.
Lorenzo P. Crosby L.S.
Franklin M. Dwyer L.S.
Loran Hoyle L.S.
Thomas Flink L.S.

Know all men by these Presents, That I, — John O. Burleigh of Douglas in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, assignee of the Estate of Augustus Carlton of Sutton an Insolvent Debtor in consideration of Five paid me by Jefferson Bellows of Grafton, and in consideration of Four dollars paid me by the said Jefferson Bellows of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Innholder, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby grant, sell, and quitclaim unto the said Jefferson Bellows, his heirs and assigns all my right, title, claim, and demands, in and unto One Pew Numbered Seventy nine in the Congregational Meeting-house situated in Grafton Centre on the west side of the Common known as the west Church of said Grafton Also one Pew in the Methodist Episcopal Church situated in Farnums Village in the Southerly part of said Grafton, Numbered None in said Meeting-house. —

To Have and to Hold the same to the said Jefferson Bellows his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever. And I do covenant to warrant and defend said granted and quit-claimed Premises to the said Jefferson Bellows his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands, of all persons, claiming by or under me.

In witness Where of I the said John O. Burleigh Assignee as aforesaid have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of — Turner Thayer. } John O. Burleigh [L.S.]

Worcester, ss. Nov. 5th. 1847. Then the above named John O. Burleigh acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed before me,
Turner Thayer Justice of the Peace.

A true Copy. Recived March 21st. 1848. at 2h. 10m. P.M. —
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

39. Know all men by these Presents, That I John V. Leland of Grafton in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, — — — — Husbandman, in consideration of Twelve dollars and fifty cents paid ~~paid~~ by Nathan Hancock of the same Grafton, Yeoman. — — the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do give, grant, sell, and convey unto the said Nathan Hancock, one certain Pew Numbered Eight in the Gallery of the New Baptist Meeting-house situated in the centre of said Grafton,

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted Premises, to the said Nathan Hancock his heirs and assigns, to his & their use and behoof forever. And I do for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, covenant with the said Nathan Hancock and with his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said — Nathan Hancock his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. —

In witness whereof I the said John V. Leland together with Adaline Leland wife of the said John V. in token of her free relinquishment of her right of Dower in the above premises have hereunto set our hands and seals this fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six. —

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of — — — — Charles Prentice, — —

John V. Leland L.S.

A true Copy Received February 17th. 1848. at 8h. 0m. A. M.
Attst. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

Know all men by these Presents, That I Charles Brigham of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of five dollars paid me by Charles Brigham junior of the same Grafton, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby grant, Sell, and quitclaim unto the said Charles Brigham junior his Heirs and assigns, all my right, title, claim, and demand, in and unto an undivided half of a certain Pew on the floor of the Congregational Meeting-house in said Grafton, Numbered thirty seven; And the whole of one other Pew on said floor Numbered Seventy, Also Two Pews in the Gallery of said house, one numbered twenty one, and the other thirty three, Also a Shed lot northerly of said Meeting-house No. 17 in range No. 3. and is the same lot which was conveyed to me by a Deed dated 31st. day of December A.D. 1832. from a committee of the Congregational Society viz: Jonathan Wheeler, Royal Keith and Pardon Aldrich, and convey with all the privileges to the same belonging and subject to all the restrictions with which it was conveyed in said Deed, said Pews are also the same which were conveyed to me by a committee of said society, by their Deeds, now recorded in the Registry of Pew Deeds in said Grafton Book 6. Page 30. and Book 6. Page 31. for further particulars reference is had to said Deeds and records. ——

Possession given at my decease. ——

To Have and to Hold the same to the said Charles Brigham Jr. his Heirs and assigns, ~~forever, against the lawful claims~~ to his and their use and behoof forever. And I do covenant to warrant and defend said granted and quit-claimed Pews and Shed lot to the said Charles Brigham Jr. his Heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons, claiming by or under me and none other. —— In witness Whereof I the said Charles Brigham have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven

Signed, Sealed, and delivered in presence of us. —— } Charles Brigham, L.S.
Ira Lindsey. —— }

Suffolk. ss, April 26. 1847 Then the above named C. Brigham acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed — before me, ——

Wm Brigham Just. of Peace.

A True Copy. Recived December 20th. 1847. at 2.5m. P.M.

Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

37

Know all Men by these Presents, That I Charles D. Monroe of Grafton in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, yeoman. In consideration of fifty dollars paid by Minot Amsden of the same Grafton Shoe Manufacturer, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey unto the said Minot Amsden his Heirs and assigns, one undivided half of a certain Pew, with one undivided half of the Cushions to the same belonging, being Pew Number Sixty seven on the lower floor in the New Evangelical Meeting-House, situated in the Centre of said Grafton, —

Erected for the first Evangelical, Congregational, Church and Society in said Town, with equal privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging,

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises, to the said Minot Amsden his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever. — And I do for myself my heirs, executors, and administrators, covenant with the said Minot Amsden and with his Heirs and assigns, That I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises, That they are free of all incumbrances; — That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Minot Amsden and that I will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Minot Amsden his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. — — — —

In witness whereof, I the said Charles D. Monroe together with Mary M. Monroe wife of the said Charles D. in token of her free relinquishment of her right of Dower in the above described premises have here unto set our hands and seals this fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty seven. —

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us
S. A. Dalrymple
Harriet A. Fay, —

Charles D. Monroe L.S.
Mary M. Monroe L.S.

Worcester ss. September 21st. 1847. Then the above named Charles D. Monroe acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed — before me.

Samuel Wood Just. of Peace.

A True Copy.
Received September 21st. 1847. at 2h. 20m. P. M. —

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Know all men by these Presents, That I George H. Whitney of Grafton in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, Cabinet Manufacturer, — In consideration of one Hundred and fifty dollars paid by Charles D. Munroe of the same Grafton yeoman, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey unto the said Charles D. Munroe his Heirs and Assigns, a certain Pew — Numbered Sixty seven on the lower floor in the New Evangelical Meeting-house in the Centre of said Grafton, erected for the first Evangelical Congregational — Church and Society in said Town, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging,

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted Premises, to the said Charles D. Munroe his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever. — And I do for myself my heirs, Executors, and administrators, covenant with the said Charles D. Munroe his heirs and assigns, That I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted Premises, that they are free of all incumbrances; That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Charles D. Munroe, and that I will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Charles D. Munroe his Heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. — — — — — — — — —

In Witness Whereof I the said George H. Whitney have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of January in the year of our Lord, one Thousand eight Hundred and forty three.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us — Lorenzo Maynard. } George H. Whitney [L.S.]

Worcester, ss. February — 1843.
Then the above named George H. Whitney acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act and Deed —
Before me. Joseph Brown, Just. of Peace,

A True Copy Recived September 24. 1847 at 7 h. 0 m. A. M. —

Attst. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk.

Know all men by these Presents, That I. Betsey Marsh now
residing in Sutton County of Worcester in the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, widow, In consideration of Forty dollars paid me
by Purlina B. Sprague of said Sutton, the Receipt whereof I do
hereby acknowledge, do hereby grant, sell, and quit-claim
unto the said Purlina B. Sprague her Heirs and assigns, -
all my right, title, claim, and demands, in and unto a
certain Pew situate in the First Baptist Meeting-house
in Grafton in said County of Worcester known and des-
ignated as Pew Number 39. and is the same Pew
which was assigned to me on the partition and
assignment of the Real Estate of my late honored
Father James Mc. Clallen deceased, as an heir to said
real estate —

To Have and to Hold the same to the said -
Purlina B. Sprague, her Heirs and Assigns, to her and
their use and behoof forever. And I do covenant
to warrant and defend said granted and quit-
claimed Premises to the said Purlina B. Sprague -
her Heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful
claims and demands of all persons, claiming
by or under me. ——————————

In witness whereof, I the said Betsey Marsh
have hereunto set my hand and seal this twen-
tieth day April in the year of our LORD, one
thousand eight hundred and forty seven. —

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of —
Jon.a Leland
Silenus Leland

Betsey Marsh (L.S.)

Worcester ss. April 24. 1847 Then the above
named Betsey Marsh acknowledged the above Instru-
ment to be her free act and Deed-before me,

Jon.a Leland. Just. of Peace.

A. Correct Copy.-
Recived July 17th. 1847 at 7h. 50m. P. M, —

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

To all people to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Know ye that I Paris Richmond of East Haddam county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, for the consideration of twenty five dollars received to my full satisfaction of Henry Wesson of the Town of Grafton county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, do give, grant, bargain, sell, and confirm unto the said Henry Wesson one undivided half of Slip number 3 in the second Baptist Meeting-house in New England Village in said Grafton, —

To Have and To Hold the above granted and bargained premises with the appurtenances thereof unto him the said Henry Wesson his Heirs and assigns forever, to his and their own proper use and behoof.

And also I the said Paris Richmond do, for myself my heirs, executors, and administrators, covenant with the said Henry Wesson his heirs and assigns, that at and until the ensealing of these presents I am well seized of the premises, as a good, indefeasible estate in fee simple, and have good right to bargain and sell the same in manner and form as is above written: And that the same is free of all incumbrances whatsoever. —

And Furthermore I the said Richmond do by these presents bind myself and my heirs forever to warrant and defend the above granted and bargained premises to him the said Wesson his heirs and assigns, against all claims and demands whatsoever.

In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hands and seal this 2nd day of March in the year of our LORD, 1847.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of —
S. B. Whalock
James Stedman

Paris Richmond L.S.

State of Connecticut } New London County ss. March 2nd 1847. Personally Appeared Paris Richmond signer and sealer of the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed before me.

James Stedman, Justice of the Peace.

A correct Copy.
Received April 17th. 1847 - at 5h. 0m. P.M.

Attest, Charles Prentiss Town Clerk

Know all Men by These Presents, That I, Jasper W. Putnam of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Shoe Manufacturer In consideration of Twenty five dollars to me paid by Alanson G. Hinds, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do give, grant, sell, and convey unto the said Hinds a certain Pew Numbered Thirty nine on the lower floor of the Congregational Societys Meeting-house in said Grafton, being a wall Pew situated on the west side of said Meeting-house and bounded on the North by Pew formerly owned by Jonathan Whipple and on the South formerly owned by Ebenezer Aldrich, ——

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises, to the said Hinds his Heirs and assigns, to his -- use and behoof forever. and I do for myself Heirs, Executors and Administrators covenant with the said Hinds his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises, That they are free of all incumbrances, That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Hinds and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Hinds his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In witness whereof I the said J. W. Putnam, together with Mary Putnam wife of the said Jasper W. in token of her relinquishment of the above have hereunto set our hands and seals this first day of March in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of --
Ebenr. Leland
Phidenia Brown

J. W. Putnam L. S.
Mary Putnam L. S.

A Correct Copy
Received April 6th. 1847 at 8h. 0m. P. M. —
Attest, Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk,

Know all men by these Presents, That I, William Holden of Templeton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Cordwainer, In consideration of twenty five dollars paid by Nathan Hancock of Grafton in said County yeoman, The Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Nathan Hancock the Pew Numbered forty six in the New Baptist Meeting-house, situate in the Centre of said Grafton, erected for the first Baptist Church and Society in said Town, with all the privileges and appurtenances belonging to the same, It being the same Pew conveyed to me by Deed from Harbury Holman and recorded in the Town Registry in said Grafton of Pew Deeds Book 5.— Page 131.— — — — — — — — — —

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises, to the said Nathan Hancock his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever. And I do for myself My heirs Executors, and administrators, covenants with the said Nathan Hancock and with his Heirs and assigns, That I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises, that they are free of all incumbrances;— That I have good right to Sell and— convey the same to the said Nathan Hancock his heirs and assigns forever, against the Lawful claims and demands of all persons. — — — — — —

In witness Where of I the said William Holden have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of January in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of. — — — } William Holden (L.S.)

Worcester ss. Jan. 26th. 1847—

Then the above-named William Holden acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed before me,

Joseph Brown {Just of Peace.

A correct Copy
Recorded January 26th. 1847. at 4h. 30m. P.M.
Attest
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

Know all men by these Presents, That we Samuel Wood and Sarah Wood of Grafton in the County of Worcester administrators on the estate of Harry Wood late of Grafton aforesaid deceased, intestate, by order of the Court of Probate holden at Worcester in and for said County of Worcester on the first Tuesday of May A.D. 1842. was licensed and duly empowered to sell and pass Deeds, to convey the whole of the real estate of the said Harry Wood for the payment of debts and Charges of administration, and whereas we the said Samuel and Sarah admrs having given thirty days' public notice of the intended sale by posting up notifications thereof thirty days at least before the sale in one public place in Grafton where the real estate is and where the deceased last dwelt, and at one public place in each of the adjoining towns of Millbury and Worcester; and having first given bonds, and taken the oath, by law in such cases required, did on the nineteenth day of April by adjournment from the eleventh of April current pursuant to the license and notice aforesaid, sell at public ~~auction~~ Vendue the following described Real Estate, being a part of the estate of said Harry Wood to Charles Brigham of said Grafton for the sum of one dollar and fifty cents he being the highest bidder therefor, as follows; Viz't; for Pews number Seventy on the floor and number twenty one in the Gallery in the Congregational Meting house in said Grafton,

Therefore Know ye; That we the said Samuel and Sarah admrs as aforesaid, by virtue of the power and authority in us vested as aforesaid, and in consideration of the aforesaid sum of $1.50 to us paid by the said Charles Brigham, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said Charles Brigham his Heirs and assigns, the estate herein above mentioned and described, and however the same is reputed to be bounded or described,

To Have and to Hold the aforegranted premises with all the privileges to the same belonging, To him the said Charles Brigham, his heirs and assigns, forever, To his and their use and behoof forever, and we the said Samuel and Sarah admrs as aforesaid, do hereby covenant with the said Charles Brigham his heirs and assigns that we were lawfully authorized and empowered to make sale of the same, as aforesaid, and that I have pursued the requisitions of law in this behalf,

In witness whereof we, the said Samuel and Sarah admrs, as aforesaid, have hereunto set our hands and seals this nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three

Samuel Wood [L.S.]
Sarah Wood [L.S.]

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us.
Joseph Bruce.

Worcester ss, May 1. A.D. 1843. Then the above named Samuel Wood & Sarah Wood personally acknowledged the above instrument by them subscribed to be their voluntary act and Deed. Before me
Joseph Bruce, Justice of Peace.

A True Copy Recorded June 26th 1846 at 4h 0m P.M.
Attest. Charles Prentice Town Clerk

No. 33. Be it Known, That Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren, a Committee appointed by the Stockholders of the New Congregational Meting-house in Grafton, and recognized as such by the Society for whom said House was erected, in Consideration of Twenty Seven 75/100 Dollars, to them paid by Charles Brigham of Grafton, do give, grant, Sell and convey to the said Charles Brigham ~~his Heirs and Assigns~~. The Pew Numbered Thirty three in the Gallery in said House. — To have and to hold to the said Charles Brigham his heirs and assigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the Same belonging. In witness whereof, the said Harry Wood, Charles Brigham, and Jonathan Warren, have hereunto assixed their names and Seals this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two. —

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us. — Mars. S. Hager. Jon^a Wheeler

Harry Woode L.S.
Charles Brigham L.S.
Jon^a Warren. L.S.

Worcester ss. 18th June 1832. Then the above named Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren acknowledged the above Instrument to be their free act and Deede. Before Me Jon^a Wheeler Justice of the Peace. —
Recived June 26th 1846 at 6h 0m P.M. —
A True Copy, Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

No 34. Be it Known that Harry wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren a Committee appointed by the Stockholders of the New Congregational Meting House in Grafton, and recognized as such by the Society for whom said House was erected, in Consideration of one hundred and forty Dollars, to them paid by Charles Brigham of Grafton, do give, grant, Sell and convey to the said Charles Brigham the Pew numbered Thirty Seven on the floor in said House, To Have and to hold to the said Charles Brigham his heirs and assigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the Same belonging. In witness Where of, the said Harry wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren have hereunto assixed their names and Seals this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us Mars. S. Hagar Jon^a Wheeler.

Harry woode L.S.
Charles Brigham L.S.
Jon^a Warren L.S.

Worcester, ss. 18th June 1832 Then the above named Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and Deed Before me — Jon^a Wheeler Justice of the Peace
A true Copy Recived June 26th 1846 at 6h 0m P.M. — Attest Charles Prentice Town Clerk

29.

Know all men by these Presents, That I, Asa Mathews of Worcester, in the County of Worcester, Esquire, in consideration of five dollars, paid me by Isaiah Munroe of Shrewsbury in said County, yeoman, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby grant, sell, and quit-claim unto the said Isaiah Munroe his Heirs and assigns, all my right, title, claim, and demand, in and unto one certain Pew Numbered fifty on the floor of the Congregational Meeting-house, - situated in the Centre of Grafton in said County, -

Also, one other Pew Numbered Two, in the Gallery of the first Baptist Meeting-house situated in the Centre of said Grafton, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging. -

To Have and to Hold the same to the said Isaiah Munroe his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever. And I do covenant to warrant and defend said granted and quit-claimed premises to the said Isaiah Munroe his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons, - claiming by or under me. - - - - -

In witness whereof I the said Asa Mathews have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Signed, Sealed, and delivered in presence of us. - - - - -
Adam Harrington. -
John H. Mathews. - - -

Asa Mathews (L.S.)

Worcester, ss. Sept. 2d. 1845. Then the above named Asa Mathews acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed - Before me

Adam Harrington, Just. of Peace,

A correct copy, received June 24th. 1846. at 11h. 50m. A. M. - -

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Know all men by these Presents, That I, Luke Prentice of Northbridge in the County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, yeoman, ——— in consideration of Forty dollars, paid by Hendrick Hunt, of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth aforesaid, yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey, unto the said Hendrick Hunt his Heirs and assigns, ——— That certain Pew numbered forty six on the floor in the New Congregational Meeting-house, situated in the Centre of said Grafton, and being the same Pew formerly owned and occupied by Moses Adams late of said Grafton Deceased, with all the privileges belonging to the same, ———

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted Premises, to the said Hendrick Hunt his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever. — And I do for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, covenant with the said Hendrick Hunt his heirs and assigns, That I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances, That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Hendrick Hunt and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Hendrick Hunt his Heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons, ———

In witness whereof, I the said Luke Prentice have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. ———

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us — J. S. Harrington, Charles Prentice

Luke Prentice L.S.

Worcester, ss. June 25. 1845. Then the above named Luke Prentice acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act and Deed before me.

Samuel Wood, Just. of Peace. —

Received August 28th 1845. at 5h 45m P. M. —

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk. —

27.

Know all men by these Presents, That we Elijah B. Knowlton and Charles H. Knowlton, both of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Executors of the last will and testament of Elijah Brooks late of Grafton in said County, deceased, which has been duly proved approved and allowed, being authorized by said will to sell and convey the real estate of said deceased, as therein expressed; in consideration of the premises, and of the sum of Three dollars and fifty cents to us paid by Fanny B. Brooks of the same Grafton, Widow, - the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, by virtue, and in pursuance of said authority, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey to the said Fanny B. Brooks her heirs, and assigns, -

One undivided half of Pew Numbered Sixty nine on the floor of the Congregational Meting-house situate in the centre of the Town of Grafton,

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises to the said Fanny B. Brooks her heirs and assigns, to their use and behoof forever. And we the said Elijah B. & Charles H. Knowlton executors as aforesaid, do hereby covenant with the said Fanny B. Brooks her heirs and assigns, that we are lawfully authorized to sell and convey said estate as aforesaid, and that we have executed said authority according to law and to said will.

In witness whereof, we the said Elijah B. Knowlton & Charles H. Knowlton have hereunto set our hands and seals this eleventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four. —

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us. —
Lowell Baker Jr.

Elijah B. Knowlton [L.S.]
Charles H. Knowlton [L.S.]

Worcester, ss. November 13. 1844. Then the above named Elijah B. Knowlton & Charles H. Knowlton personally acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and Deed — Before me.

Charles Brigham Jr. Justice of Peace.

Received August 18. 1845. at 1h. 0m. P. M. —

A Correct Copy.
Attest —
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

No. 64. Be it Known, That Harry Wood, 26.
Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren, a Committee appointed by the Stockholders of the New Congregational Meeting House in Grafton, and Recognized as such by the Society for whomb said House was erected, in consideration of forty six 50/100 Dollars, To them paid by Moses Adams of Grafton, do give, grant, sell and convey to the said Moses Adams the Pew Numbered sixty four on the Floor in said House. -

To Have and to hold to the said Moses Adams his Heirs and assigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging.

In witness whereof the said Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren have hereunto affixed their names and seals this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. -

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us
Jon.a Wheeler
Jn.o M. Carr

Harry Wood [L.S.]
Charles Brigham [L.S.]
Jon.a Warren. [L.S.]

Worcester, ss. May 15th. 1833.
Then the above named Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and Deed.
Before Me
Jon.a Wheeler Justice of the Peace

A true Copy
Recorded May 26th. 1845. at 10h 0m A. M.
Attest.
Charles Prentiss. Town Clerk.

25 No. 46. Be it Known, That Harry Wood Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren, a Committee appointed by the Stockholders of the New Congregational Meeting House in Grafton, and recognized as such by the Society for whom said House was erected, in consideration one hundred & forty five Dollars, to them paid by Moses Adams of Grafton, do give, grant, sell, and convey to the said Moses Adams the Pew numbered Forty six on the floor in said House.

To Have and to Hold to the said Moses Adams his Heirs and assigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging. —

In witness whereof, the said Harry Wood, Charles Brigham, and Jonathan Warren, have hereunto affixed their names and seals this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of us,
Mars. S. Hagar.
Jon.a Wheeler.

Harry Wood [L.S.]
Charles Brigham [L.S.]
Jon.a Warren. [L.S.]

Worcester, ss. 18th June 1832. Then the above named Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and Deed.

Before Me.
Jon.a Wheeler Justice of the Peace.

A True Copy.
Recived May 26th. 1845. at 10h. 0m. A. M.
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we Elijah B. Knowlton, and Charles H. Knowlton, both of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Executors, of the last will and testament of Elijah Brooks late of Grafton in said County, deceased, which has been duly proved, approved and allowed, being authorized by said will to sell and convey the Real estate of said deceased, as therein expressed, in consideration of the premises, and of the sum of two dollars to us paid by Solomon Carroll & Polly Knowlton both of Grafton in said County, -- the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, by virtue, and in pursuance of said authority, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey to the said Solomon Carroll & Polly Knowlton. One undivided third of Pew and Cushing Numbered Sixty one on the floor of the Congregational Meeting-house situate in the Centre of the Town of Grafton,

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises to the said Solomon Carroll & Polly Knowlton their Heirs and assigns, to their use and behoof forever. And we the said Elijah B. Knowlton & Charles H. Knowlton Executors as aforesaid, do hereby covenant with the said Solomon Carroll & Polly Knowlton their heirs and assigns, That we are lawfully authorized to sell and convey said estate as aforesaid, and that we have executed said authority according to law and to said will,

In witness whereof we the said Elijah B. Knowlton & Charles H. Knowlton have here unto set our hands and seals this Eleventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four. ---

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us
Lovell Baker Jr. ..

Elijah B. Knowlton L.S.
Charles H. Knowlton L.S.

Worcester, ss. November 13. 1844 Then the above named Elijah B. Knowlton and Charles H. Knowlton personally acknowledged the above instrument to be their free acts and Deed - before me. —

Charles Brigham Jr, Justice of Peace.

Received November 29th. 1844. 1h. 0m. P.M. —

Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

23. Know all Men by These Presents, That we Samuel Wood, and Sarah Wood of Grafton in the County of Worcester, administrators on the estate of Harry Wood late of Grafton aforesaid deceased intestate, by order of the Court of Probate Holden at Worcester in and for said County of Worcester on the first Tuesday of May A.D. 1842. was licensed and duly empowered to sell and pass Deeds to convey the whole of the real estate of the said Harry Wood for the payment of Debts and charges of administration, and whereas we, the said Samuel and Sarah admrs. having given thirty days' Public Notice of the intended Sale, by posting up notifications thereof thirty days at least before the sale in one public place in Grafton where the real estate is and where the deceased last dwelt, and at one public place in each of the adjoining towns of Millbury and Worcester; And having first given bonds, and taken the oath, by law in such cases required, did on the nineteenth day of April by adjournment from the Eleventh day of April current pursuant to the license and Notice aforesaid, sell at public vendue the following described Real Estate, being a part of the estate of said Harry Wood to Samuel A. Dabrinsple of said Grafton for the sum of Two dollars and fifty cents he being the highest bidder therefor, as follows; to wit: — For Pew number sixty five on the floor in the Congregational Meting-house in said Grafton, Therefore Know ye. That we the said Samuel & Sarah admrs. as aforesaid by virtue of the power and authority in us vested as aforesaid, and in consideration of the aforesaid sum of $2.50 - to us paid by the said Samuel A Dabrinsple the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said Samuel A. Dabrinsple his heirs and assigns, the estate herein above mentioned and described, and however the same is reputed to be bounded or described. To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging, to him the said Samuel A Dabrinsple, his heirs and assigns, for ever, to him and their use and behoof for ever, And we the said Samuel & Sarah as aforesaid, do hereby covenant with the said Samuel A. his heirs and assigns, that we were lawfully authorized and empowered to make sale of the same, as aforesaid; and that I have pursued the requisitions of law in this behalf. — In Witness Whereof, we the said Samuel and Sarah admrs. as aforesaid have hereunto set our hands and Seals this Nineteenth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us. — . —
Joseph Bruce. — . —

Samuel Wood, [L.S.]
Sarah Wood. [L.S.]

Worcester, ss. May 1. 1843 Then the above named Samuel Wood & Sarah Wood personally acknowledged the above instrument by them subscribed to be their voluntary act and Deed - before me Joseph Bruce, Justice of Peace.

A correct copy Received August 2d. 1844 at 8. 25 m. A.M.
Attest.
Carlos Prentice, Town Clerk.

No. 22. Be it Known, That Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren, a Committee appointed by the Stockholders of the New Congregational Meeting House in Grafton, and recognized as such by the Society for whom said House was erected, in consideration of Ninety seven Dollars to them paid by Chandler M. Pratt & George W. Jones both of Grafton do give, grant, sell and convey to the said Chandler M. & George W. the Pew numbered Twenty two on the Floor in said House.

To Have and to Hold to the said Chandler M. & George W. their Heirs and assigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging. In witness whereof, the said Harry Wood, Charles Brigham, and Jonathan Warren, have hereunto affixed their names and seals this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty Two.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us.—
Samuel Wood
Jn° M. Case,

Harry Wood [L.S.]
Charles Brigham [L.S.]
Jon^a Warren [L.S.]

Worcester, ss. May 15th. 1833. Then the above named Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren acknowledged the above Instrument to be their free act and Deed. Before me.
Samuel Wood Justice of the Peace.

A true Copy. Recived June 5th. 1844. at 7h. 56m. P. M.
Attest Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Worcester ss. Grafton Sept^r. 5th 1835. Be it Known that I George W. Jones of said Grafton in consideration of forty nine dollars to me paid by Chandler M. Pratt within named do hereby forever grant, sell and quitclaim unto the said Pratt all my right, title and intent to the Pew within named to have and to hold the same to him the said Pratt his heirs and assigns forever,
In witness whereof I the said Jones have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written,
In presence of us.
N. T. Dow
S. Wood,

George W. Jones [L.S.]

Worcester ss. Sept^r 5th. 1835. Then the above named George W. Jones personally appeared before me and acknowledged the above to be his free act and deed.
Samuel Wood Justice of Peace.

A true Copy of the transfer on the back of the first above deed of Pew numbered twenty two.
Recived June 5th 1844. at 7h. 56m. P. M.

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

No. 69.

Be it known, That Albert Stone, Thaddeus Reed, Phillip Wing, Stephen Harrington, Samuel F. Reading, Joseph Adams, and Otis Adams, all of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Gentlemen, in consideration of Forty two dollars, to them paid by Charles Meriam of said Grafton, do give, grant, sell and convey to the said Charles Meriam the Pew numbered Sixty nine in the new Evangelical Meting House, in the centre of Grafton, erected by the Grantors for the first Evangelical Congregational Church and Society in said town. — . . . . . .

To Have and to Hold to the said Charles Meriam his Heirs and assigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances, to the same belonging, and the said Albert, Thaddeus, Phillip, Stephen, Samuel, Joseph and Otis, for themselves and their heirs, hereby covenant with the said Charles Meriam, his heirs and assigns, that they are lawfully seized of the said pew, that it is free from all incumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the same to the said Charles Meriam his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims of all persons. — . — . — .

In witness whereof the said Albert Stone, Thaddeus Reed, Phillip Wing, Stephen Harrington, Samuel F. Reading, Joseph Adams and Otis Adams, have hereunto affixed their names and seals, this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. —

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us.
John Kimball
William Thornton, — —

Albert Stone — L.S.
Thaddeus Reed — L.S.
Phillip Wing — L.S.
Stephen Harrington — L.S.
Sam[l] F. Reading — L.S.
Joseph Adams — L.S.
Otis Adams — L.S.

Worcester ss. December 10th. 1833. —

Then the above named Albert Stone acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed before me —

Jon[a] Wheeler, Justice of the Peace,

A true Copy.
Recived January 9th 1844. at 7h. 0m. P. M. —
Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Know all men by these Presents, That I, John Marble of Sutton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman. in consideration of forty dollars paid by Delano Pierce of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth aforesaid Physician — The Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey, unto the said Delano Pierce his heirs and assigns, one undivided half of a certain Pew Numbered Five on the floor in the New Baptist Meeting-house, situated in the Centre of said Grafton, it being the same recorded in the Grafton Registry of Pew Deeds Book 5. Page 100. Together with all the privileges and appurtenances belonging to the same. —

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises, to the said Delano Pierce his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever. — And I do for myself my heirs executors and administrators, covenant with the said Delano Pierce and with his heirs and assigns, That I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises, That they are free of all incumbrances, That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Delano Pierce, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Delano Pierce his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. —

In witness whereof, I the said John Marble have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three. —

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us
John Marble Jr.
Charles Prentice

John Marble L.S.

Worcester ss, September 9. 1843.
Then the above named John Marble acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed
Before me.
Samuel Woods. Just. of Peace. —

A true Copy
Recvd October 28th 1843 at 5h 7m P. M. —

Attest.
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

19 No. 30.

Be it Known, That Albert Stone, Thaddeus Reed, Phillip Wing, Stephen Harrington, Samuel F. Reading, Joseph Adams, and Otis Adams, all of Grafton, in the County of Worcester Gentlemen, in consideration of ninety nine dollars to them paid by Joseph Meriam Jr. of said Grafton, do give, grant, sell, and convey to the said Joseph Meriam Jr. the Pew numbered thirty in the new Evangelical Meeting House, in the centre of Grafton, erected by the Grantors for the first Evangelical Congregational Church and Society in said Town. ——

To Have and to Hold to the said Joseph Meriam Jr his heirs and assigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances, to the same belonging. And the said Albert, Thaddeus, Phillip, Stephen, Samuel, Joseph and Otis. for themselves and their heirs, hereby Covenant with the said Joseph Meriam Jr. his heirs and assigns, that they are lawfully seized of the said Pew that it is free from all incumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the same to the said Joseph Meriam Jr. his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims of all persons. —

In witness where of, the said Albert Stone, Thaddeus Reed, Phillip Wing, Stephen Harrington, Samuel F. Redding, Joseph Adams and Otis Adams, have hereunto affixed their names and seals, this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. —

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us. ——
William Thornton
John Kimball

Albert Stone L.S.
Thaddeus Read L.S.
Philip Wing L.S.
Stephen Harrington L.S.
Sam. F. Redding L.S.
Joseph Adams L.S.
Otis Adams L.S.

Worcester, ss. December 10th 1833. Then the above named Albert Stone acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed before me

Jona. Wheeler, Justice of the Peace.

A true Copy.
Attest,

Recived August 22nd. 1843. 10h. 45m. A. M. —
Carlos Prentice, Town Clerk, —

Know all men by these Presents, That we Samuel Wood and Sarah Wood of Grafton in the County of Worcester, administrators on the Estate of Harry Wood late of Grafton aforesaid deceased intestate, by order of the Court of Probate holden at Worcester in and for said County of Worcester on the first Tuesday of May A.D. 1842 was licensed and duly empowered to sell and pass Deeds, to convey the whole of the real estate of the said Harry Wood for the payment of debts and charges of administration, And whereas we, the said Samuel and Sarah admrs. having given thirty days' public notice of the intended sale, by posting up notifications thereof thirty days at least before the sale in one public place in Grafton where the land is and where the deceased last dwelt, and at one public place in each of the adjoining towns of Millbury and Worcester. — and having taken the Oath, by Law in such cases required, did, on the Eleventh day of April pursuant to the license and notice aforesaid, sell at public vendue the following described Real Estate, being a part of the estate of said Harry Wood to Moses Stockwell of said Grafton for the sum of nine dollars he being the highest bidder therefor, as follows, to wit: For a Pew number sixty three on the floor in the Congregational Meeting house in said Grafton.

Therefore Know ye, That we, the said Samuel and Sarah Admrs. as aforesaid, by virtue of the power and authority in us vested as aforesaid, and in consideration of the aforesaid sum of $9.00 to us paid by the said Moses Stockwell the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said Moses Stockwell, his heirs and assigns, the Estate herein above Mentioned and described, and howsoever the same is reputed to be bounded or described. — To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging, to him the said Moses Stockwell his heirs and assigns, for ever, to his and their use and behoof forever, and we, the said Samuel and Sarah Admrs as aforesaid do hereby covenant with the said Moses Stockwell his Heirs and assigns, That we were lawfully authorized and empowered to make sale of the same, as aforesaid; and that I have pursued the requisitions of law in this behalf. — —

In witness where of we the said Samuel and Sarah Admrs. as aforesaid, have hereunto set our hands and seals this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, — .

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us. — Joseph Bruce. — .

Samuel Wood L.S.
Sarah Wood L.S.

Worcester ss. May 1. 1843. Then the above named Samuel Wood & Sarah Wood personally acknowledged the above instrument, by them subscribed, to be their voluntary act and Deed — before me,

Joseph Bruce Justice of Peace.

A true Copy, Recorded August 9th 1843 at 1h. 20m. P. M. —
Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

17.

Know all Men by these Presents. —
That I Samuel Allen of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, — Esquire, as assignee of Ebenezer Aldrich of said Grafton Gentleman, in consideration of twenty-five dollars paid by Augustus S. Hayward of said Grafton, yeoman, — the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Augustus S. Hayward his Heirs and assigns, a certain Pew numbered forty three situated on the floor in the Unitarian Meeting House in said Grafton. — — —

To Have and to Hold the aforegranted premises, to the said Augustus S. Hayward his heirs and assigns, to his use and behoof forever. And I do for myself my heirs, Executors, and administrators, Covenant with the said Augustus his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of aforegranted premises as assignee aforesaid; That they are free of all incumbrances; — That I have good right to Sell and convey the same to the said Augustus as aforesaid and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Augustus his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. — —

In witness whereof, I the said Samuel Allen have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three. —

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us
Francis D. McIntyre

Samuel Allen [L.S.]
Assignee.

Worcester ss. July 3. 1843 then the above named Samuel Allen acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed —
Before me
Samuel Wood Just. of Peace,

A True Copy.
Attest.
Recived July 4th. 1843. at 8h. 35m. P. M. —
Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

Know all men by these Presents, That I, Charles D. Munroe Admr. of the estate of the estate of Solomon Munroe deceased, together with Thankful Monroe, Widow of the said Solomon, and Harriet N. Putnam widow of Zadoc E. Putnam deceased, and Lucretia D. Monroe, and Lucy B. Munroe all heirs of the estate of the said Solomon Monroe, and all of Grafton in the County of Worcester, and State of Massachusetts, ——— in consideration of one hundred dollars, paid by George H. Whitney of the same Grafton, Cabinet Manufacturer, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey, unto the said George H. Whitney his heirs and assigns, a certain Pew Numbered Eighteen on the Lower floor in the new evangelical Meeting-house, in the centre of said Grafton, erected for the first Evangelical Congregational Church and Society in said Town, with all the Priviledges and appurtenances to the same belonging. ——

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises, to the said George H. Whitney his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever. — And we do for ourselves our heirs, executors, and administrators, covenant with the said George H. Whitney and with his heirs and assigns, that we are lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises, that they are free of all encumbrances, That we have good right to sell and convey the same to the said George H. Whitney and that we will warrant and defend the same premises to the said George H. Whitney his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. —

In witness where of, we the said Charles D. Munroe together with Mary M. Munroe wife of the said Charles D. in token of her free relinquishment of her right of Dower in the above premises, and we the said Thankful Munroe, Harriet N. Putnam, Lucretia D. Munroe, and Lucy B. Munroe freely consenting to the above have here unto set our hands and seals this twenty fifth day of January in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and forty three. —

Signed Sealed and delivered, in presence of us. —
Lorenzo Maynard
Geo H. Whitney. —

Charles D. Munroe, — L.S.
Mary M. Munroe, — L.S.
Thankful Munroe, — L.S.
Harriet N. Putnam. — L.S.
Lucretia D. Munroe, — L.S.
Lucy B. Munroe. — L.S.

Worcester, ss. February 10th 1843.
Then the above named Charles D. Munroe acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act and Deed before me.
Samuel Wood. Just. of Peace. —

A True Copy
Received February 10th 1843. at 9. h. m. O. P. M. —
Attest.
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

15. No. 67.

Be it Known, that Albert Stone, Thaddeus Reed, Phillip Wing, Stephen Harrington, Samuel F. Reading, Joseph Adams, and Otis Adams, all of Grafton, in the County of Worcester Gentlemen, in consideration of one hundred twenty dollars, to them paide by George H. Whitney of said Grafton, do give, grant, sell and convey to the said George H. Whitney the Pew numbered sixty seven, in the new Evangelical Meeting House, in the Centre of Grafton, erected by the grantors for the first Evangelical Congregational Church and Society in said Town.

To Have and To Hold to the said George H. Whitney, his Heirs and assigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances, to the same belonging. And the said Albert, Thaddeus, Phillip, Stephen, Samuel, Joseph, and Otis, for themselves and their heirs, hereby covenant with the said George H. Whitney his heirs and assigns, that they are lawfully seized of the said pew, that it is free from all incumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the same to the said George H. Whitney his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims of all persons.

In witness whereof, the said Albert Stone, Thaddeus Reed, Phillip Wing, Stephen Harrington, Samuel F. Reading, Joseph Adams, and Otis Adams, have hereunto affixed their names and seals, this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us —
Emerson W. Gould
Charles A. Harrington

Albert Stone L.S.
Thaddeus Read L.S.
Philip Wing L.S.
Stephen Harrington L.S.
Sam[l] F. Redding L.S.
Joseph Adams L.S.
Otis Adams L.S.

Worcester, ss. December 11th 1833

Then the above named Albert Stone acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed before

Jon[a] Wheeler Justice of the Peace.

A True Copy.
Recorde February 10th 1843 at 9h. 0m. P.M.
Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

Be it Known, That Albert Stone, Thaddeus Read, Phillip Wing, Stephen Harrington, Samuel F. Reading, Joseph Adams, and Otis Adams, all of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Gentlemen, —— . —— . ——.

In consideration of Eighty one dollars, to them paid by Joseph Meriam of said Grafton, do give, grant, sell and convey to the said Joseph Meriam the Pew numbered Fifty eight in the new Evangelical Meeting House, in the centre of of Grafton, erected by the Grantors for the First Evangelical Congregational Church and society in said Town. —— . —— . —— . ——, ——.

To Have and to Hold to the said Joseph Meriam his heirs and assigns forever, with all the priviliges and appurtenances, to the same —— belonging —— —— —— —— ——

And the said Albert, Thaddeus, Phillip, Stephen, Samuel, Joseph, and Otis, for themselves and their Heirs, hereby covenant with the said Joseph Meriam his heirs and assigns, that they are lawfully seized of the said Pew, that it is free from all incumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the same to the said Joseph Meriam his Heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims of all persons. —— ——

In witness where of the said Albert Stone, Thaddeus Reed, Phillip Wing, Stephen Harrington, Samuel F. Reading, Joseph Adams, and Otis Adams, have hereunto ~~a~~ affixed their names and seals, this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. ——

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us. ——
William Thornton
John Kimball, ——

Albert Stone, — — — L.S.
Thaddeus Read. L.S.
Phillip Wing L.S.
Stephen Harrington L.S.
Sam.l F. Redding L.S.
Joseph Adams. L.S.
Otis Adams. — L.S.

Worcester, ss,
December 10th 1833. Then the above named Albert Stone acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed
Before me. Jon.a Wheeler, Justice of the Peace.

A True Copy. Recived May 23. 1842. — —
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

13. Know all men by these Presents, That I, Jonathan W. Stow of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, yeoman, — in consideration of sixty three dollars paid by Joel Forbush of the same Grafton, Cordwainer, — the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey unto the said Joel Forbush his Heirs and assigns, That certain Pew, numbered Thirty one on the lower floor of the Congregational Meeting House situate in the Centre of said Grafton, and is the same Pew which was formerly Deeded by the grantee to the grantor, and recorded on the Grafton Records of Pew Deeds Book 6. Page 29. reference thereto being had, —

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises to the said Joel Forbush his Heirs and assigns to his and their use and behoof forever, And I do for myself my heirs, executors, and administrators, covenant with the said Joel Forbush and with his Heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of aforegranted premises, that they are free of all incumbrances. That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Joel Forbush, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Joel Forbush his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In Witness Whereof I the said Jonathan W. Stow have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one. —

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us — } Jon.a W. Stow L.S.

Otis Adams. —

Worcester ss. June 26th 1841. Then the above named Jon.a W. Stow acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed — Before me

Otis Adams Just. of Peace.

A True Copy. Received July 8. 1842 at 9.5 A.M

Attest. Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

Know all men by these Presents, That I. James Adams of Barre in the County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman, ~~~

12.

Know all men by these Presents, That I, Isaac W. Wood of Grafton in the County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Administrator on the Estate of Aaron Fay late of said Grafton deceased, — in consideration of fourteen dollars and twenty five cents paid by George G. Carpenter, and William Sibley, both of the same Grafton yeomen, —
The Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said George G. Carpenter, and William Sibley their Heirs and assigns, That certain Pew Numbered thirty five on the floor of the first Baptist Church and Society, situate in the centre of said Grafton. ——

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted Premises, to the said George G. Carpenter, and William Sibley their Heirs and assigns, to them and their use and behoof forever. —
And I do for myself my heirs, executors, and administrators, covenant with the said Carpenter and Sibley their Heirs and assigns, That I am lawfully seized in fee of afore-granted Premises: That they are free of all incumbrances, That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Carpenter and Sibley, and that I will — warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Carpenter and Sibley their Heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons

In Witness Whereof I the said Isaac W. Wood as administrator as aforesaid, together with Harriet Fay widow of the said Aaron Fay deceased, in token of her free relinquishment of her right of Dower in the above premises, have hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Signed, Sealed, and delivered in presence of us. —
Liberty Wood
W. S. Wood

Isaac W. Wood L.S.
Harriet A. Fay L.S.

A true copy

Received April 2nd 1841 at 8 h 15 m A. M. —
Attest
Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk,

Know all men by these Presents, That I, Samuel C. Bennett of Grafton in the County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman, in consideration of forty Dollars paid by Hannah Scott, of the same Grafton, widow of Asa Scott late of said Grafton Deceased, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Hannah Scott her Heirs and Asigns, one undivided half of that certain Pew numbered twenty four in the New Baptist Meting House situate in the Centre of said Grafton, and is the same Pew Deeded by the Grantors of said House, to Asa Scott late of said Grafton Deceased and the Grantor. — reference to said Deed Recorded on the Town Records, Book 5. Page 97. may be had, —

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises, to the said Hannah Scott her Heirs and Asigns, to her and their use and behoof forever, And I do for myself my heirs, Executors, and Administrators, covenant with the said Hannah and with her Heirs and Asigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of afore-granted Premises, That they are free of all — incumbrances, That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Hannah Scott her Heirs and Asigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. — . — . —

In Witness Whereof I the said Samuel C. Bennett together with Cadelia Bennett wife of the said Samuel C. in token in token of her free relinquishments of her right of Dower in the premises aforesaid, have hereunto set our hands and seals This twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty. — . — . — . —

Signed, Sealed, and delivered in presence of us. —
Samuel Allen.
John C. Bennett

Samuel C. Bennett {L.S.}
Cadelia Bennett {L.S.}

Worcester, ss. Oct 20. 1840 Then the above-named Samuel C Bennett aiknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed — Before Me

Samuel Allen Just. of Peace, —

A True Copy.
Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

11.

Know all men by these Presents, That I. Charles Aldrich of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Gentleman, in consideration of fifty Dollars paid me by Pardon Aldrich of said Grafton, Esquire the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby grant, sell, and quitclaim unto the said Pardon Aldrich, his heirs and assigns, all my right title claim, and demands in and unto the following Pews situated in the Unitarian Church in said Grafton, to wit; — Pew numbered Forty four, on the flo Also Pew No. 24. in the Gallery, Also the Shed appu tenant thereto, Numbered in the lot, 8. and in the range 2. —

To Have and to Hold the same to the said Pardon Aldrich his heirs and assigns to his and their use and behoof forever. —

And I do covenant to warrant and defend said granted and quitclaimed premises to the said Pardon Aldrich, his heirs and assigns, forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons claiming by or under me, —

In Witness Whereof I the said Charles Aldrich have hereunto set my hand and seal this. — Twenty seventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty. —

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us. —

Benja Aldrich
Emerline Aldrich

Charles Aldrich [L.S.]

Worcester, ss, November 27th 1840. Then personally appeared the above named Charles Aldrich and acknowledged the above instrument by him subscribed to be his free act and Deed. —

Before me. Otis Adams, Jus. of the Peace, —

Recived November 27th 1840 at 1h. 25m. P. M. —

A. True Copy
Attest. Charles Prentiss, Town, Clerk,

Know all men by these Presents, That I Charles Smith of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Trader. in consideration of one Hundred and fifty eight dollars paid by Charles A. Smith of the same Grafton County and Commonwealth aforesaid yeoman. the Receipt Whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto unto the said Charles A. Smith his heirs and assigns. That certain Pew numbered Three in the New Baptist Meeting House situate in the Center of said Grafton, and is the same Pew the grantor bought of the building committee of said house with reference to Deed of the same Recorded on the Town Records Book 5. Page 95. — . ———

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted Premises to the said Charles A. Smith his Heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever. And I do for myself my heirs executors and administrators, covenant with the said Charles A. Smith his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of afore-granted Premises, that they are free of all incumbrances; . . . — — That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Charles A Smith, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Charles A Smith, his Heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. — . — —

In Witness Whereof I the said Charles Smith — together with Lucy P. Smith wife of the said Charles in token of her free relinquishment of her right of dower in the above described premises. — have hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and forty, . — . — —

Signed, Sealed. and delivered in presence of us . — } Charles Smith. L.S.
Charles Prentice. — }

Worcester ss. June 23rd 1840. then the above named Charles Smith acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed Before me.
Samuel Allen Just. of Peace.

Recorded June 23rd 1840 at 10. o'. A. M. —

A. True Copy
Attest Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk,

10.

Know all Men by these Presents. That We. Stephen Stearns, and Moses K. Shepardson, Deacons of the Second Baptist Church in Grafton, in consideration of Sixty Dollars and 00/100 paid by Arvin Thompson. ——————

The Receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey to the said Arvin Thompson, his Heirs and Assigns forever, Pew numbered Ten in the Second Baptist Meeting House in Grafton.

To have and to Hold the premises aforegranted unto the said Arvin Thompson, his heirs and assigns forever. ——————

In Witness Whereof, we The Deacons as aforesaid, have hereunto set our hands and seals this first day of May. A. D. 1839. ——————

Signed, Sealed, and delivered in presence of us. — Stephen Stearns [L.S.]
Adam Harrington
Albert Hall. — Moses K. Shepardson [L.S.]

Worcester, ss. May 10th 1839. Then personally appeared the above named Stephen Stearns and Moses K. Shepardson, and acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and Deed. — before me.

Adam Harrington, Justice of the Peace.

A true Copy. Recvd February 21st 1840. at 11. o'clock A.M.
attest
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

No. 35. Be It Known, That Harry Wood, Charles Brigham, and Jonathan Warren, a Committee Appointed by the Stockholders of the new Congregational Meeting House in Grafton, and recognized as such by the Society for whom said House was erected, in consideration of Seventy Three Dollars, To them paid by Jonathan Whipple, of Grafton do give, grant, sell and convey To the said Jonathan Whipple the Pew numbered Thirty five on the floor in said House. . . . . .

To Have and To Hold To the said Jonathan Whipple his Heirs and Assigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging.

In Witness Whereof, the said Harry Wood, Charles Brigham, and Jonathan Warren, have hereunto affixed their Names, and Seals this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and Thirty Two. — . — . —

Signed Sealed, and delivered in presence of us. —
Mars. S. Hager
Jon.a Wheeler

Harry Wood. — [L.S.]
Charles Brigham [L.S.]
Jon.a Warren — [L.S.]

Worcester, ss, 18th. Sept.r 1833. Then the above named Harry Wood, Charles Brigham, and Jonathan Warren, acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and Deed. —

Before me,
Jon.a Wheeler Justice of the Peace.

Recived November 4. 1839. at 8. h. 0. m. A. M. —

A true Copy
Attest, Charles Denton, Town, Clerk,

8.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I. Aaron Stow of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Cordwainer, in Consideration of Seventy Two Dollars paid by Perley Goddard of the Same Grafton, Gentleman, the Receipt Whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Perley Goddard his Heirs and Assigns, That Certain Pew Numbered Thirty three on the floor in the New Baptist — Meeting House, in the Centre of Said Grafton, and is the Same Pew the said Stow now occupies. —

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises, to the said Perley Goddard his Heirs and Assigns, to his & their use and behoof forever. And I do for myself my Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, Covenant with the said Perley Goddard his Heirs and Assigns. That I am lawfully seized in fee of afore-granted Premises that they are free of all incumbrances; —

That I have good right to Sell and convey the same to the said Perley Goddard and that I will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Perley Goddard, His heirs and Assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In Witness Whereof. I the said Aaron Stow have set my hand and Seal this Sixteenth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine. —

Signed, Sealed, and delivered
in presence of us — } Aaron Stow [L.S.]
Emory Cummings,
Charles. Prentice } Worcester ss, Oct. 16th 1839

Then the above-named Aaron Stow acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed — before me. Art. Ward. Just. of Peace.

Received October 16. 1839 at 6. h 30. m P. M. —

A true Copy
attest Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk,

Know all men by these Presents, That I. Isaac Southwick of Grafton in the County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman alias Cordwainer: —
In consideration of Eighty five Dollars and fifty cents. paid by Waterman A. Fisher. of the same Grafton, County and Commonwealth aforesaid, Cotton Manufacturer; — the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Waterman A. Fisher His Heirs and Assigns. That certain Pew Numbred fifty six, on the Lower floor of the new Congregational Meting House, in said Grafton. and is the same Pew Deeded to me by the Committee appointed by the Stock Holders of said House, and recorded on the Grafton Records of Pew Deeds Book 5. Page 130. Also one Horse Shed Situate in said Grafton North of said Meting House, and is the third Shed from the east end of said Range of Sheds; And also one Spot or parcel of ground for a Shed. Situate between said Sheds and said Meting House, and is the same lot I the said Southwick bought of the said Committee for that purpose. together with all the privileges, — and appurtenances thereto belonging; —
To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises, to the said Waterman A. Fisher and his Heirs and Assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever. And I do for myself my Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, Covenant — with the said Waterman A. Fisher, his Heirs and Assigns. that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all Incumbrances, That I have good right to Sell and convey the same to the said Waterman A. Fisher His Heirs and Assigns forever, against the lawful Claims and demandes of all persons.
In witness whereof, I the said Isaac Southwick together with Sabitha Southwick wife of the said Isaac in token of her free relinquishment of her right of Power in the above described premises, have hereunto set our Hands and Seals this thirtieth — day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us. — Isaac Southwick L.S.
William Prentice
Orlando Whitney — Sabitha Southwick L.S.

Worcester, ss. Sept. 10th 1839.
Then the above-named Isaac Southwick acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed — before me, Charles Brigham Jr. Just. of Peace

Received September 10th 1839 at 9h 36m A.M. —

A true Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice Town. Clerk;

6.

Know all men by these Presents, that I. Henry L. Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, - Gentleman. — — — — — in consideration of one Hundred Dollars. paid by Charles B. Parkman, of Westborough in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth aforesaid. Yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant. Sell and convey unto the said Charles B. Parkman and his heirs and assigns. one certain Pew numbered forty three in the new Evangelical Meeting House in the centre of said Grafton, Erected for the first. Evangelical. Congregational Church and Society in said Town. — — — —

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted Premises, to the said Charles B. Parkman. his Heirs and Assigns. to his & their use and behoof forever, And I do for myself my heirs. Executors, and Administrators, Covenant with the said Charles B. Parkman his Heirs and assigns, That I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted Premises, That they are free of all incumbrances; That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Charles B. Parkman And that I will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Charles B. Parkman, and his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons, — — — — — — — —

In witness whereof I the said Henry L Warren have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Ninth day of April in the Year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and thirty nine. — — — — —

Signed. Sealed. and Delivered in presence of us. Charles Prentice.

Henry L. Warren L.S.

Worcester, ss. April 10th 1839. Then the above named Henry L. Warren acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed. —

Before me Nahum Harrington Just. of Peace.

Received May 18. 1839. at 8. 10. P. M. —

A true copy Attest Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk,

No. 7. Be it known that Harry Woods, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren, a Committee appointed by the Stock-holders of the New Congregational Meetinghouse in Grafton and recognized as such by the Society for whoom said House was erected, in consideration of Thirty one 25/100 Dollars, to them paid by Harry Woods of Grafton, do give, grant, sell and convey to the said Harry Woods the Pew numbered Seven on the floor in said House. To have and to hold to the said Harry Woods his heirs and asigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging.

In witness whereof the said Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren have hereunto affixed their names and seals this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us
Mary S. Hagar.
Jon^{a} Wheeler.

Harry Wood L. S.
Charles Brigham L. S.
Jon^{a} Warren L. S.

Worcester ss. 18th June 1832. Then the abovenamed Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren acknowledged the above Instrument to be their free act and Deed
Before me Jon^{a} Wheeler Justice of the Peace

A Copy. Attest. H. Woods T. Clerk

No. 13. Be it Known That Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren, a Committee appointed by the Stockholders of the New Congregational Meetinghouse in Grafton, and recognized as such by the Society for whom said House was erected, in consideration of Seven $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars, to them paid by Jonathan Wheeler of Grafton, do give, grant, sell and convey to the said Jonathan Wheeler the Pew numbered Thirteen in the Gallery in said House. To have and to hold to the said Jonathan Wheeler his heirs and afsigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging.

In witnefs whereof the said Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren have hereunto affixed their names and seals this Sixth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of us. Samuel Wood, Jr. M. Case

Harry Wood L.S.
Charles Brigham L.S.
Jon. Warren L.S.

Worcester ss. May 15th 1833. Then the above named Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren ~~have~~ acknowledged the above Instrument to be their free act and Deed.

Before me Samuel Wood Justice of the peace

A Copy. Attest H. Wood J. Clerk.

No. 25. Be it Known That Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren, a Committee appointed by the Stockholders of the New Congregational Meetinghouse in Grafton, and recognized as such by the Society for whom said House was erected, in consideration of One hundred and twelve Dollars to them paid by Charles Brigham Jr of Grafton, do give, grant, sell and convey to the said Charles Brigham Jr. the Pew numbered Twenty five on the floor of said House. To have and to hold to the said Charles Brigham Jr his heirs and afsigns forever with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging.

In witnefs whereof the said Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren have hereunto affixed their names and seals this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty two

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us Mars. S. Hagar, Jon. Wheeler

Harry Wood L.S.
Charles Brigham L.S.
Jon. Warren L.S.

Worcester ss. 18th June 1832. Then the above named Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren acknowledged the above Instrument to be their free act and Deed

Before me Jon. Wheeler Justice of the peace

A Copy. Attest. H. Wood J. Clerk

No. 5. Be it Known That Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren, a Committee appointed by the Stockholders of the New Congregational Meetinghouse in Grafton, and recognized as such by the Society for whom said House was erected, in consideration of Six 75/100 Dollars, to them paid by Jonathan Wheeler of Grafton do give grant sell and convey to the said Jonathan the Pew numbered Five in the Gallery in said House.

To have and to hold to the said Jonathan Wheeler his heirs and asigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging.

In witness whereof, the said Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren have hereunto affixed their names and seals this Sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us. Samuel Woods, Jn.° M. Case

Harry Wood L.S.
Charles Brigham L.S.
Jon.ª Warren L.S.

Worcester ss. May 15. 1833. Then the above named Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren acknowledged the above Instrument to be their free act and Deed

Before me Samuel Wood Justice of the peace

A. Copy. Attest H. Wood T. Clr

No. 9. Be it Known That Harry Woods, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren, a Committee appointed by the Stockholders of the New Congregationals Meetinghouse in Grafton, and recognized as such by the Society for whom said House was erected, in consideration of Twenty three 50/100 Dollars, to them paid by Jonathan Wheeler of Grafton do give, grant, sell and convey to the said Jonathan Wheeler the Pew numbered Nine in the Gallery in said House.

To have and to hold to the said Jonathan Wheeler his heirs and asigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging.

In witness whereof the said Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren have hereunto affixed their names and seals this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us Mary S. Hagar, Charles Brigham Jr.

Harry Wood L.S.
Charles Brigham L.S.
Jon.ª Warren L.S.

Worcester ss. October 15. 1832. Then the above named Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and deed.

Before me. Charles Brigham Jr. Justice of the peace,

A Copy Attest H. Wood T. Clr.

No. 15. Be it Known, That Harry Woods, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren a Committee appointed by the Stockholders of the New Congregational Meeting house in Grafton and recognized as such by the Society for whom said House was erected, in consideration of ~~Thirty eight~~ $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars, to them paid by Jonathan Wheeler of Grafton, do give, grant sell and convey to the said Jonathan Wheeler the Pew numbered Fifteen on the floor in said House. To have and to hold to the said Jonathan Wheeler his heirs and assigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging.

In witness whereof the said Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren have hereunto affixed their names and seals this tenth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Signed sealed and Delivered
in presence of us.
Mars. S. Hagar
Charles Brigham Jr

Harry Wood L. S.
Charles Brigham L. S.
Jona. Warren L. S.

Worcester ss. October 15th 1832. Then the above named Harry Woods, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren acknowledged the above Instrument to be their free act and Deed
Before me Charles Brigham Jr. Justice of the peace
A. Copy. Attest. H. Woods. T. Clerk

No. 33. Be it Known, That Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren, a Committee appointed by the Stockholders of the New Congregation Meeting house in Grafton, and recognized as such by the Society for whom said House was erected, in consideration of One hundred and thirty three dollars, to them paid by Jonathan Wheeler of Grafton, do give, grant, sell and convey to the said Jonathan Wheeler the Pew numbered Thirty three on the floor in said House. To have and to hold to the said Jonathan Wheeler his heirs and assigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging.

In witness whereof the said Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren have hereunto affixed their names and seals this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of us.
Mars. S. Hagar
Charles Brigham Jr.

Harry Wood L. S.
Charles Brigham L. S.
Jona. Warren L. S.

Worcester ss. October 15th 1832. Then the above named Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren acknowledged the above Instrument to be their free act and Deed. Before me
Charles Brigham Jr. Justice of the peace.
A. Copy. Attest Ha. Wood T. Clerk

No. 1. Be it known, That Harry Woods, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren, a Committee appointed by the Stockholders of the New Congregational Meeting House in Grafton, and recognized as such by the Society for whom said House was erected, in consideration of Seven Dollars and fifty cents, to them paid by Jonathan Wheeler of Grafton do give, grant, sell and convey to the said Jonathan Wheeler the Pew numbered one on the floor in said House. To have and to Hold to the said Jonathan Wheeler his heirs and asigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging. In witness whereof, the said Harry Woods, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren have hereunto affixed their names and seals this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ~~thirty~~ three.

Signed sealed & delivered
in presence of us.
Samuel Wood.
Jn°. M. Case.

Harry Woods L. S.
Charles Brigham L. S.
Jon°. Warren L. S.

Worcester ss. May 15. 1833. Then the above named Harry Woods, Charles Brigham, and Jonathan Warren acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and deed. Before me
Samuel Wood Justice of the Peace

A Copy. Attest. H. Woods T. Clerk.

No. 4. Be it known, That Harry Woods, Charles Brigham, and Jonathan Warren, a Committee appointed by the Stockholders of the New Congregational Meetinghouse in Grafton, and recognized as such by the Society for whom said House was erected, in consideration of Ten Dollars and seventy five cents, to them paid by Jonathan Wheeler of Grafton, do give, grant, sell and convey to the said Jonathan Wheeler ~~his heirs and asigns~~ the Pew numbered Four on the floor in said House. To have and to hold to the said Jonathan Wheeler his heirs and asigns forever, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging. In witness whereof, the said Harry Woods, Charles Brigham, and Jonathan Warren have hereunto affixed their names and seals this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Signed sealed & delivered
in presence of us.
Samuel Woods.
Jn°. M. Case.

Harry Woods L. S.
Charles Brigham L. S.
Jon°. Warren L. S.

Worcester ss. May 15th 1833. Then the above named Harry Woods Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and deed
Before me Samuel Wood Justice of the peace

A. Copy. Attest. H. Woods T. Clerk.

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